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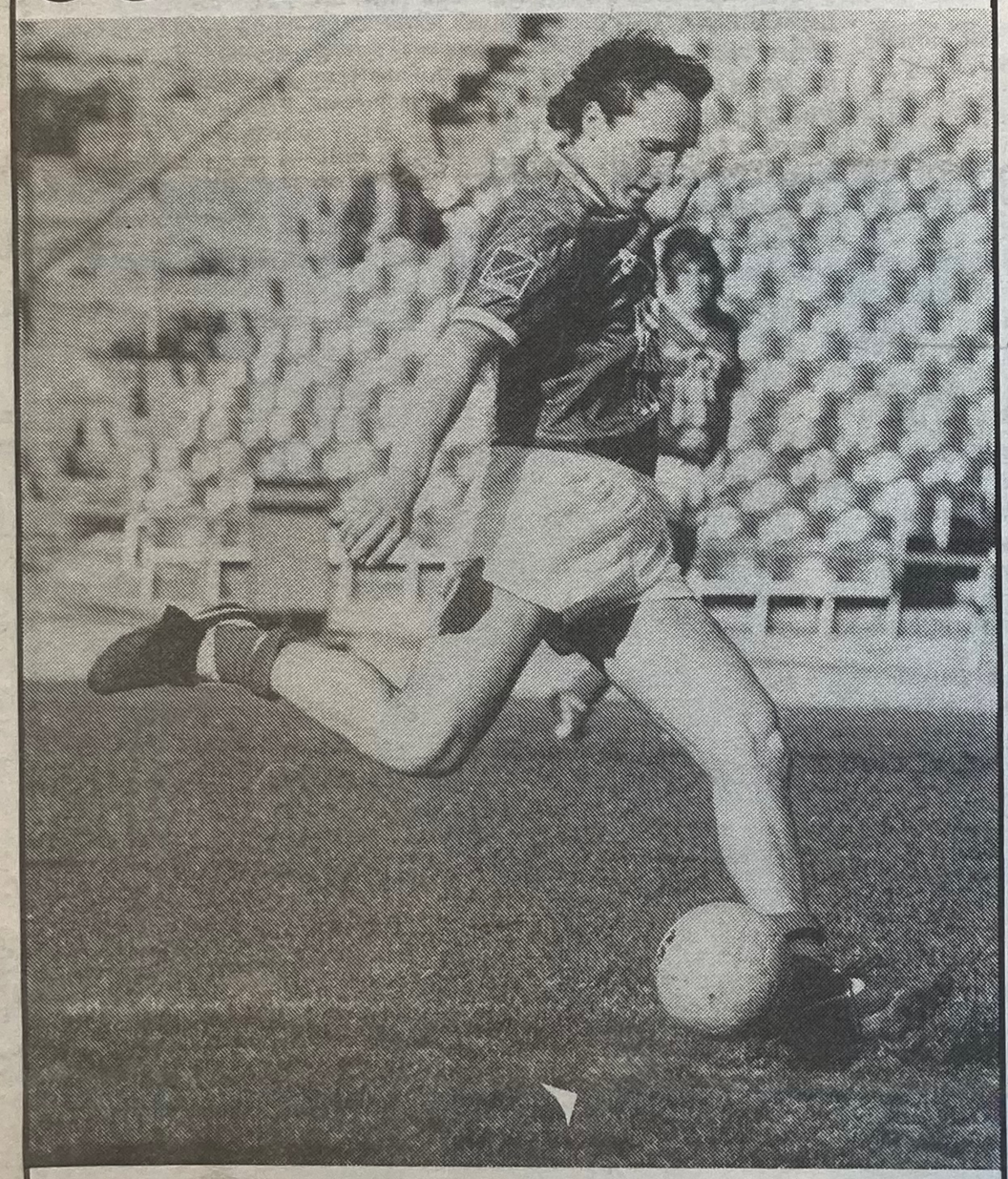

● Velimir Kupresak of St Albans is the Soccer Star Player of the Year.

MORWELL Falcons clinched the State League championship on Saturday, despite being held to a goalless draw at home by struggling Frankston Pines.

Brunswick Juventus, the hot favorite to win the title and win back its NSL status at the first attempt continued its recent poor form as it surrendered meekly at Northcote after taking a first half lead.

That meant that Falcons went two points clear of Juventus with a massive goal difference superiority of eight goals.

Falcons dominated their game at North Crinigan Reserve, but were unable to get past Pines' goal-keeper Lee Davies who played the game of his life.

Meanwhile the off-field manoeuvering continues as Juventus goes to the Appeals Tribunal tonight (Thursday) in an attempt to overturn the Tribunal decision that Fawkner was not guilty of illegally playing two suspended players.

Even if Juve's appeal succeeds and it gains the extra point, it would need Falcons to lose at home next week to Ringwood City whilst it beat Caulfield City by a big margin on Sunday.

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ABC TAIL TO WAG NSL DOG?

TELEVISION can be a good servant, but it usually finishes up being a bad master where sport is concerned, especially if the sport in question is struggling with an unsympathetic media, as soccer is in this country.

When Chairman Sam delightedly and enthusiastically embraced ABC Television and dumped SBS without a tinge of remorse, little did he realise what he was letting himself in for.

Now the indications are that the NSL fixture list for the coming silly season will be re-shaped to accommodate the ABC.

The ABC has indicated, or have I spelt that wrong, maybe it should read dictated, that a game should be played every *Friday* night in Melbourne so that it can be shown on TV the next night at 5 pm.

And for the Sunday 5 pm time-slot ABC wants a game played every *Saturday* night in Sydney.

It comes as no surprise, though, given the way TV has tried to enforce its will on the game in other countries.

When the English League fixtures for this season were published, British TV interests were furious that the Football League hadn't consulted them before drawing up an opening month's fixture list that included Manchester United v Arsenal on the first day, followed by the Liverpool, London and Manchester derbies in rapid succession.

The Football League itself countered by producing its own TV show, the excellent Big Match that we see here every Monday night, but it wasn't able to convince Chelsea Chairman Ken Bates that it was a good idea, and you won't see Chelsea home matches on your screens this year.

Having sold the television rights for $25 million, the Football League is going to be struggling to keep the one-eyed monster at arms length.

Not that Chairman Sam and his egregious executive would be paying any attention anyway, they might have their eyes fixed on Athens or Rome, but not on London.

Whatever their outlook, it might pay them to study the way sport in the USA has been forced to bow to TV for the sake of the almighty dollar.

The most recent example occurred at last year's Super-Bowl, America's nearest thing to the FA Cup-final.

That kicked off twice, once for television and once for real.

We've already had a taste of TV interference before, when the Australia v New Zealand Trans-Tasman Cup match was played in Bendigo.

The second-half kick-off that day was peremptorily halted by the director, who made referee Chris Bambridge wait for about five minutes because the studio wasn't ready for the cross.

Chris Bambridge wasn't too amused, I can tell you.

I hope I'm wrong, but there does seem to be an attitude about ABC TV already that it has bought the game lock, stock and barrel and it has priority over the rest of the media.

That attitude is exhibited by the roving cameraman, who run up and down on the touch-line with complete lack of consideration for anyone else who is working.

No photographer worth his salt would ever think of walking in front of another photographer when he was working, but ABC's cameramen think that is their privilege.

In their zealous quest for close-ups of the action they completely ignore the requirements of the game itself; in one instance during the Croatia v Sydney Olympic finals match at Olympic Park in August, Croatia's Josip Biskic, trying to take a quick throw-in to maintain the momentum of an attack almost tripped over a cameraman and was forced to run around him to take the throw.

Since the advent of the lightweight portable cameras it seems no area is sacred any more.

No Pressman would ever consider walking up to the bench to start quizzing a coach in the tense moments of a game, yet TV cameramen routinely squat in front of the bench, desperate to catch all the agony and catch every drop of sweat.

The great Scottish manager Jock Stein suffered a fatal heart attack in Cardiff during the closing minutes of the World Cup qualifer there when he lost his temper because of media harassment.

I'm longing for the day when some coach pops his cork and goes for one of these intrusive idiots, and I'll be there to snap the moment with glee.

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SNIPPETS

by LES SHORROCK

OUR JUNIORS FOR DENMARK?

The prospects of playing international soccer might have dimmed somewhat for our senior players, the Socceroos, after dismissal from the World Cup, but for juniors, it seems, the world is their oyster.

The friendly Cities tournament has seen a Melbourne team make a successful trip to Japan for the second year in succession, and there is a possibility that Melbourne will host a similar tournament next year.

Our Under 16s played in a World Cup again, in Scotland this time and as a consequence now young Willie Hastie is playing for Glasgow Celtic.

Celtic manager Billy McNeill said when he was signing Hastie that British scouts would be paying more attention in future to young Australians, and that view was borne out again recently when Lachlan Armstrong was signed by Dundee after the Aberdeen Youth Tournament.

Now it appears the fame of our juniors has spread as far as Denmark, and probably the most interesting aspect of the Junior presentation night at Richmond Soccer Club last Friday week was the appearance of the Danish delegates who came to appeal to the VSF to send a team or teams to their Youth Tournament next year.

I gather that provided the necessary money for the fares can be raised, The JLMC is very receptive to the idea.

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KOSMINA CALLS IT A DAY

One of Australian soccer's greatest ever players John Kosmina, announced his retirement last week and in the process gave the game's administrators a big serve.

"The ineptitude of our administrators has become too much for me," he said.

"There are too many amateurs, especially at club level, and those in charge of the game up top still haven't got things right."

Kosmina was never afraid to speak his mind on or off the field but his record speaks for itself and will take some eclipsing.

His record of 102 Socceroo appearances, 60 of them full internationals is surpassed only by Peter Wilson's 115, and he scored 45 goals, 25 of them in full internationals.

His last appearance in a Socceroo shirt was in the Seoul Olympics, when he scored the goal that beat Nigeria.

He was a great club servant too.

His 289 NSL games place him third behind Bugsy Nyskohus and Tony Henderson, and he racked up 133 goals playing for West Adelaide, Sydney City, Sydney Olympic and APIA Leichhardt.

"The game has been very good to me," he told me last week "and I'd like to put something back, apart from the occasional TV stint.

"The highlight of my playing career was the six years I spent at Sydney City and it was a very sad day when that club folded.

"I think the NSL has gone backwards since then, because Sydney City was so good for the game.

"Fans everywhere hated us, but we set the standard for others to strive to beat.

"Every team wants to beat Liverpool, and it was the same with Sydney City."

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MORE SUPER-LEAGUE ANGER

There were more ructions at last week's State League Management Committee, as delegates grappled with the problems of recasting the State League.

All the State League clubs have been sent a document called a Scheme of Arrangement, which they have been asked to sign, signifying their approval of the proposed new set-up.

But some clubs, notably the ones in the bottom six of the State League refused to sign the form, saying they needed more assurance regarding the selection of teams for the new Premier division of the State League.

The Scheme of Arrangement form also spelt out the criteria to be followed in choosing the ten or eleven clubs who will be joining Heidelberg and Melbourne JUST in the new elite division.

Several clubs are expressing fears that the criteria will not be taken into account anyway and are saying that the elite clubs have already been picked.

The problem is, there are several clubs whose facilities nowhere reach even the minimum criteria, despite their playing record.

Unfortunately for the SLMC, some clubs like Springvale City, Ringwood City, Box Hill and Fawkner have better facilities than some clubs in the present top ten.

Must they be sacrificed and judged on their playing record alone?

Somebody last week mentioned to Rab Nelson that he thought we had already decided who was doing to be in the elite League because we have printing the bottom six in red.

Nothing of the sort, we have been doing that, as we did last year, merely to illustrate which clubs will be in danger of being dropped if the VSF picks the elite members purely on their playing record.

Of course if Morwell Falcons is able to surmount the West Adelaide challenge and wins its way into the SNL, the eleventh club, which this week is Frankston Pines, would be in line for promotion.

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● Socceroo Captain John Kosmina discusses a point with Kiwi captain Alan Boath.

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IS IAN STIRTON FOREMAN MATERIAL?

So there I was, just about to go into Switzer's ladies underwear store in High Street, Armadale, last week (not to buy but to measure for carpet) when I was hailed by a work man in the second floor window across the street.

Putting down his binoculars, bit Ian Stirton indicated I should meet him at street level where we had a good old chin-wag about the Maribyrnong (5) Pines (4) game of a couple of weeks ago, in which Ian, as always, scored.

What a great game it was too.

Ian was telling me that both he and his former Doveton teammate "Winker" Watson, have scored eight goals this season and trail Ally Dick by one in the "Pine Cones" top scorer race, with just this week's away game at Croydon to go.

It turns out that the big man is the foreman on this particular building site, which is pretty hard for me to believe, but at least he ordered the site gofer to buy us two "Twix Bars" — have you tried them yet — they're just like the British ones, lovely!

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CAN KEVIN CATCH CON?

Well, what about Kevin Harrison's FIVE goals that shot him up the goalscorers list in a hurry, he trails Con Pappas by four now with one game to go.

Still, he did once, so maybe, just maybe . . .

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IT'S LUCKY THIRTEEN FOR BOBBY

Another prolific goalscorer I was speaking to this week was Bobby McGuinness, East Brunswick Ivanhoe's player-coach.

He's loving every minute of it down there and no wonder.

He's scored thirteen goals and, before Saturday's 1-0 loss to Karingal, East Brunswick Ivanhoe looked as if they might cap off their tremendous late season surge by winning Division Four.

However, it now looks as if Clayton and Bentleigh Greens will finish first and second, and they'll finish third.

Where that will place them next season, after our annual VSF re-structuring, is anybody's guess.

Nevertheless, it's been a great achievement for the boys from Balfe Park and wee Bobby was quick to share the credit around.

He tells me that Sam Ruccia and Rocky Santangelo have both scored in double figures, with many of these goals being created by Micky Cosentino, cousin of Fawkner's Tony.

Defensively, Joe Angele (ex Heidelberg) and goalie Martin Cripps are the main reasons why they've conceded only 16 goals, with just this week's home game v Williamstown to go.

Martin was once on Sunderland's books incidentally.

So congratulations East Brunswick Ivanhoe.

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WELL DONE, THE WEE MAN

Whilst I'm handing out the kudos, congratulations to Bobby McLachlan and his Morwell Falcons.

It's always hard to win the State League, but Bobby recruited particularly well this year and proved once again that depth is the number one priority if you've to overcome the usual injuries

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● John Sokoluk — why did Caulfield buy him, then dump him?

NELSON'S COLUMN

● Winker Watson, — Frankston Pines Stalwart.

● Ian Stirton — doesn't his mum own a Whirlpool?

and suspensions which everybody suffers through a thirty game season.

In fact, Greg Warszawski and Darkie (sorry, Darko) Basara were on the bench — although captain Jim McBride wasn't — when we played them last week.

That's what wins you the State League title, although having Ron Manley up front doesn't hurt.

He's an excellent player and I'm looking forward to following his progress next year.

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HAT-TRICK FOR GEORGE

Another player coach who's doing pretty well these days, is Lalor United's George McMillan, the ex Makedonia and Essendon Lions terror.

It seems that George turned back the clock and played himself upfront v Hawthorn (away) two weeks ago.

Naturally, he scored a hat-trick and Lalor won 5-0.

I'll tell you something; although George had an outstanding career as a defender, he'd have played up front for me if I was his coach.

He was a nightmare to play against as a centre forward — (I know, I tried).

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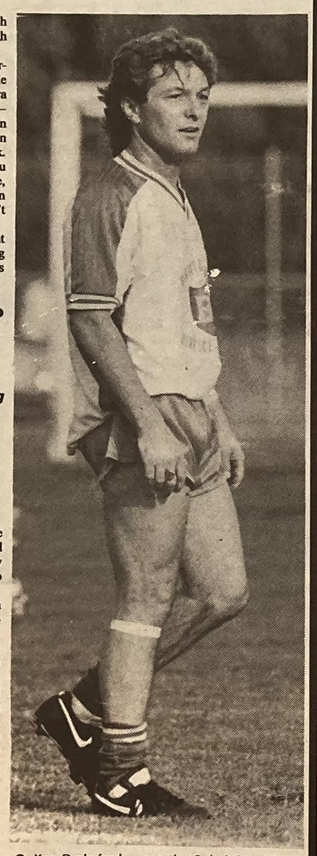
WELL, we've got one more training night and one more game.

Maribyrnong plays Altona Gate at home and, I hope, we'll get revenge against them for our 5-0 defeat in round fifteen.

The "Gaters" have Stuart Lee back in goal after his recent marriage to the lovely Donna Fowler, and their subsequent honeymoon in Fiji.

Stuart and his dad, Paul, are good pals of mine and I'd like to stick one past him for old times sake.



● *Ken Drakeford — see the Sokoluk caption.*

Incidentlaly, they both drive their own trucks for Kwikasair Transport, during working hours.

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DRAKEFORD AND SOKOLUK DUMPED

Finally this week, I see none of our daily papers has mentioned the fact that Kenny Drakeford and John Sokoluk flew home last week after Caulfield City and the VSF's stupid one-transfer-per-season rule destroyed their 1989 campaigns.

I have three questions:

- When is it all going to end?
- How many players are we going to lose?
- Does anybody care?

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BOB BRIAN SAYS ...

Bob Brian began his career in soccer journalism with the Daily Mail in Scotland in 1963 and travelled extensively in Europe covering European cup tournaments.

He moved to Australia 14 years ago and was appointed soccer writer of the Melbourne Herald when the Philips League was born in 1977.

A former player at junior and senior level in Scotland, Bob Brian has been in journalism in one capacity or another for 34 years.

Soccer is being strangled by its ethnic barriers

THE vanguard of Australian soccer, the National League, enters a controversial summer season on November 5, full of the hope that, at long last, a formula for enduring success has been found in conditions that would send mad dogs and Englishmen searching for their creature comforts.

To those of us with a love for the game that has long defied uncomfortable facilities and indifferent organisation, it is a matter of deep concern and shock that the most popular sport in the world is treated as some kind of perversion by the majority of Australians.

The move to summer may or may not change this attitude.

Despite being here for 100 years, soccer has made little impression on the Australian lifestyle and what I find surprising is that we still wonder why.

We have, of course, had little trouble finiding reasons. Over the years, the blame has been divided among unsympathetic local councils for the poor facilities, a media besotted with "footy" for the lack of public exposure and scrooge-like financial backing from federal and state governments.

It would not be totally inaccurate to say that all those complaints have a certain basis in fact. Just like the extra-curricular exploits of George Best.

It's true that 15 years or ago soccer clubs had extreme difficulty finding adequate space and assistance to build grounds and were often charged exorbitant rents for extablished premises with the basic facilities.

It would also be true to say that the media never really took the game seriously, or as some would have it, deliberately ignored it because there were no free lunches involved.

And it is no secret that the federal government used the money received from the British pools companies for the use of Australian soccer fixtures to help promote other sports.

But can we really continue to believe that these assaults on our sensitivities still apply or are they just being used as a crutch to support a faltering fraternity which has failed to come to grips with the truth — that soccer in Australia is paying the penalty of its self-inflicted insularity?

Apart from one season in 1983 when the NSL tried to introduce what its promotions firm (for want of a better description) thought would be attention-catching nicknames like Gunners, Warriors, Gladiators, Leopards, Rams, Wolves and so on, prompted no doubt from their memories of Saturday mornings at the local cinema, soccer has made virtually no effort to Australianise itself.

We have clubs which proudly boast their Greek, Italian, Yugoslavian, Makedonian, Croatian or whatever identity, but none which claims an Australian origin.

In other words, the game has gradually built a wall between itself and the uncommitted and we can hardly complain when we are ignored by them.

It is probably true that soccer would never have got this far had it not been for the ethnic connection. It was immigrants from throughout Europe who put their money and effort into building the clubs and forming the competitions and the game owes them a great debt of gratitude for it.

But what they continue to ignore is that Australians have just as strong a sense of national pride as they have. They have proved that many times when the Socceroos were involved in international competition.

During the 1974 World Cup finals in West Germany, millions stayed up glued to their television sets when Australia's games were being shown.

The sport didn't matter to them. It was a national team playing and it carried the support of all but the most prejudiced.

Soccer turned its back on that support in its hurry to get back to the souvlaki and Cvapcice, the ouzo and the slivovic, that comfortable little corner of the past.

And despite the large number of young, multi-generation Australians who are turning to soccer every year, we persist in holding onto the ethnic traditions with a grip that is slowly strangling the game.

If the Australian Soccer Federation, the National League or the various state federations — and most certainly the individual clubs — need proof of the advantages to be gained by breaking down the ethnic barriers, they need only look at basketball.

In the 10 years since it formed a national competition, basketball has grown tremendously in stature thanks to some brilliant public relations and an unashamed dedication to nationalism despite the influx of Americans.

Because of this it has received the kind of media attention, especially through television, where it is now a prime-time attraction. That makes soccer administrators drool with envy.

The start of summer competition gives the soccer authorities the ideal opportunity to at least begin an assimilation program. With no other forms of football being played, it is quite possible that soccer will attract some of the previously uninitiated if only out of curiosity.

Are they going to find themselves in a completely strange environment where they are not allowed to fit in or another part of sporting australia where they are as comfortable as they would be at their local footy club?

There is no need to make drastic changes overnight and completely sever the European connection. That would be an insult to the men who pioneered the modern game in Australia.

But surely it is long past the time when clubs should aim at achieving a broader appeal.

For instance, I know of no NSL club with a second or third generation Australian on its committee. Likewise I see no Australian flags at grounds, which I regard as something of a liberty.

The accents on the pitch may be largely Australian despite the "foreign" names, but that is all.

It is ironical that, at international level, Australia has won the respect of nations far more committed to soccer than we are. We have the dedication to a common cause of the players, the Socceroos and national coach Frank Arok and his assistants to thank for that.

At the same time our clubs apparently insist on turning a blind eye to the necessity of becoming a real part of Australia.

It is as if they believe the immigrant boats are still arriving regularly with a guaranteed supply of supporters from the old countries to ensure the continuance of their native continuance of their native cultures and interests.

In the meantime, clubs are struggling to survive and doing nothing, or at best very little, to halt the side.

ALTONA GATE v GREEN GULLY

SPRINGVALE CITY v BOX HILL

● *Kevin Elsey of Gully takes on the Altona Gate defence.*

● *Green Gully striker Tommy ("call me Arfur") Daly.*

● *Gully's John Metaxas shields the ball from Altona's Simon Micevski.*

● *Kevin Harrison's airborne effort went wide.*

● *Springvale's Stan Webster.*

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CONCEDE GRACEFULLY JUVE

Morwell Falcons are practically home and hosed, but Juventus seems unable to grasp the fact.

Despite having its complaint that Fawkner played two suspended players, Andy O'Dell and Willie Raynes against it dismissed, it is going ahead with an appeal.

What the club seems unable to grasp is that championships are won on the field and not in the court-room.

It hasn't won one of its last five games and instead of maoning about Fawkner, its administration should be asking itself how it left Manfred Schaefer in charge when he was already committed to APIA Leichhardt and the effect that had on the players' morale.

Give in gracefully, Juve, you'll win more friends that way.

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MEDIA-WATCH

The Sunday paper war was won hands down by the Sunday Sun this week.

As far as the other two were concerned, the State League competition could have been played in Timbuctoo.

Apparently everyone is jumping on the Puskas bandwagon . . . well, everyone but me, that is.

I wasn't invited to the South Melbourne press conference, surprise, surprise, so I wasn't able to hear what the great man had to say.

It must be pretty galling for those staunch supporters of Morwell Falcons who are within a whisker of the club's greatest-ever triumph to see the whole affair dismissed in a couple of lines.

But wasn't that fascinating stuff about Ferenc Puskas' waistline!

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ROUND 18 — LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION

Division One Morning

Altona IL 5 Montrose 1 2-2
ANZ Bank 0 Footsc. Un 0 0-0
Apollo Un 6 Middle P 2 5-0
Aust. Airl 3 Highpoint 2 1-4
Fibremakers U 6 Northc U 0 4-0

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HIGHPOINT	18	15	0	3	50	14	30
ALTONA ILINDEN	17	12	3	2	47	20	27
FOOTSCRAY UNITED	18	11	4	3	45	21	26
ANZ BANK	18	8	3	7	22	19	19
FIBREMAKERS UTD	17	7	3	7	34	34	17
AUSTN AIRLINES	18	5	3	10	27	37	13
APOLLO UNITED	16	6	1	9	40	51	13
MONTROSE	16	6	0	10	25	29	12
MIDDLE PARK	17	3	3	11	21	55	9
NORTHCOTE UTD	17	3	0	14	27	59	6
RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
FOOTSCRAY UNITED	18	12	5	1	42	18	29
HIGHPOINT	17	10	6	1	39	12	26
ANZ BANK	18	10	6	2	42	18	26
AUSTN AIRLINES	18	7	6	5	37	29	20
MONTROSE	16	5	6	5	29	23	16
NORTHCOTE UTD	17	5	3	9	23	44	13
ALTONA ILINDEN	17	4	4	9	33	48	12
FIBREMAKERS UTD	17	3	4	10	27	43	10
APOLLO UNITED	16	4	2	10	27	46	10
MIDDLE PARK	16	3	2	11	20	38	8

Division 1 Afternoon

Flamingo A Thomastown Utd A P-P
Glenroy D/U 3 Coomoora Sp 1 7-1
Melb Rumania W S'vale E 0 6-0
Rowv. Un 0 Hampton P/U 1 4-2
Windsor * Bye * *-*

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
HAMPTON PARK UTD	16	11	3	2	49	25	25
WINDSOR	16	8	2	6	46	38	18
THOMASTOWN UTD	15	7	3	5	37	30	17
MELB RUMANIA	16	7	3	6	42	39	17
COOMOORA SPIDERS	16	7	2	7	38	32	16
GLENROY DOXA UTD	15	6	4	5	32	37	16
FLAMINGO	15	5	5	5	38	38	15
ROWVILLE UNITED	15	4	2	9	27	32	10
S'VALE EAGLES	16	2	2	12	23	61	6
RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
WINDSOR	16	11	3	2	42	22	25
MELB RUMANIA	16	10	1	5	55	35	21
GLENROY DOXA UTD	14	10	0	4	52	28	20
ROWVILLE UNITED	15	7	2	6	38	31	16
FLAMINGO	14	5	5	4	36	30	15
HAMPTON PARK UTD	16	6	2	8	39	34	14
S'VALE EAGLES	15	5	4	6	31	38	14
COONOORA SPIDERS	16	3	1	12	30	57	7
THOMASTOWN UTD	12	1	0	11	10	60	2

Division 2 Mixed

Cretan Athl. 2 Oakl. C 0 2-3
Leros Un 1 Melb P 2 4-0
Harambee 1 Tottenh 2 2-2
Middle E W SB Spurs 0 W-0
Nth X S/H 2 Swinb. 3 2-2

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CRETAN ATHLETIC	18	15	1	2	63	21	31
TOTTENHAM	16	14	1	1	81	14	29
MIDDLE EAST	17	11	2	4	48	27	24
HARAMBEE	16	10	2	4	63	33	22
OAKLEIGH CITY	18	8	2	8	50	43	18
SWINBURNE	17	9	0	8	37	49	18
MELBOURNE PUMAS	16	3	3	10	22	57	9
NTH X ST.HELENA	17	3	1	13	25	67	7
S.B. SPURS	18	2	2	14	17	45	6
LEROS UNITED	17	3	0	14	26	76	6
RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
TOTTENHAM	16	13	3	0	62	10	29
CRETAN ATHLETIC	16	11	1	4	42	18	23
OAKLEIGH CITY	17	11	0	6	46	35	22
SWINBURNE	18	10	2	6	43	42	22
HARAMBEE	16	8	4	4	25	25	20
MIDDLE EAST	18	7	2	9	44	49	16
LEROS UNITED	17	6	3	8	38	41	15
MELBOURNE PUMAS	15	5	2	8	29	31	12
NTH X ST.HELENA	17	3	2	12	18	71	8
S.B. SPURS	18	0	1	17	15	40	1

Division 2 Afternoon

Oak City B 1 CSUV 1 8-1
Nth Dng/Sp W Nth. Tim 0 W-)
Elwood Un 0 Kbro B/Dan 2 5-0
Ft'on Fl 6 Boys ATA 2 2-1
Berw Un 3 Oand Un 2 12-2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
FL'TON FLORIDIA	18	15	1	2	58	20	31
NTH DNG SPARROWS	17	12	3	2	47	23	27
BAYSIDE A.T.A.	17	11	3	3	67	33	25
KBRO BLUE DANUBE	18	10	3	5	40	27	23
BERWICK UNITED	16	9	1	6	37	26	19
ELWOOD UNITED	18	6	3	9	31	39	15
NTHN TIMORESE	18	6	1	11	38	45	13
DANDENONG UNITED	18	4	1	13	36	66	9
C.S.U.V.	18	3	2	13	20	60	8
OAK. CITY BAYS	18	2	2	14	27	61	6

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TARXIEN TAKES HOME THE BACON

ALTONA North Tarxien is the Champion of Division 3 West. The result was sealed today when Tarxien held out to win against an effervescent Keilor Old Boys and was aided and abetted by Ardeer, which clawed its way to a 1-0 victory over St Albans Dynamo.

The Dynamos, who had looked dead-set certainties for the Championship for most of the season, are left to lick their wounds and lament a cruel fate which has dumped them to third position. They can console themselves, however, with the thought that they are still in with a chance for the League Cup.

Keilor Old Boys came to Tarxien fiercely determined to knock over the League leaders, and for quite a while it looked as though they might succeed. Although the individual flair shown by many of the Old Boys was quite outstanding, the old adage that a champion team will beat a team of champions proved true once again.

The superior discipline and teamwork of champions proved true once again. The superior discipline and teamwork of the Altona North Tarxien Brigade eventually turned the tide.

A single goal scored by Vince Rubino at the 33rd minute mark was all that separated the sides at the half-time break. It was just as hard a slog in the second half, with the Old Boys continually threatening but never quite able to follow through. Eventually, at the 83rd minute, the game was put beyond doubt when Tarxien's Robby Rotin knocked in this side's second goal.

It was still 2-0 at the end, which left Altona North Tarxien a very happy bunch but still nervously chewing its collective fingernails wondering what had happened over at St Albans.

Well, the story at St Albans is that Ardeer dominated from start to finish.

It was a tribute to the strength of the home team's defence that Ardeer was held to a single goal resulting from a 60th minute penalty converted by Peter Wisniewski.

For the rest of the time, Ardeer was almost continually in attack and the number of goal-mouth threats which the Dynamos somehow scrambled to safety was unbelievable.

The Dynamo midfield was virtually non-existent, which meant that its defence was continually under pressure and its forwards had so few and such fleeting openings that really good players who tried their hearts out were undeservedly made to look second-rate.

St Albans must be pondering what a cruel game football is. It had gone through the whole season undefeated, only to be deprived of even a Runners-up berth by a single kick.

Meanwhile, we are trying to check whether there is any truth in the rumour that a thank you crate of best Maltese vodka has left Tarxien for Ardeer. If so, we shall be at Ardeer's Pie Night later this week to get our share!

Flemington Floridia needed a point in this Round to make sure of the Division 2 Afternoon Championship. In the event it really turned on the power against Bayside ATA and finally romped away to a 6-2 win.

Bayside ATA started the game like a runaway express and really poured on the pressure for virtually all of the first half.

A combination of

RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
ELWOOD UNITED	17	16	1	0	158	18	33
KBRO BLUE DANUBE	17	15	1	1	88	21	31
BERWICK UNITED	17	9	4	4	57	44	22
BAYSIDE A.T.A.	17	9	3	5	49	48	21
DANDENONG UNITED	18	6	3	9	30	80	15
NTH DNG SPARROWS	18	5	3	10	35	60	13
NTHN TIMORESE	18	5	2	11	28	53	12
FL'TON FLORIDIA	18	6	0	12	22	73	12
OAK. CITY BAYS	18	4	3	11	43	66	11
C.S.U.V.	18	2	2	14	20	67	6

Division 3 East

Bowater 2 Dallas Un 5
Essen Tram 2 Laminex 7
Garden C 0 Westall PIPA 0
Keeley Kings 3 Preston Tram 1
Taxation Un 5 Kew Deaf 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
DALLAS UNITED	17	14	1	2	75	19	29
TAXATION UNITED	18	10	6	2	60	29	26
LAMINEX	18	9	7	2	71	38	25
BOWATER	18	9	3	6	45	34	21
KEELEY KINGS	17	9	2	6	47	40	20
PRESTON TRAMWAYS	18	8	3	7	41	39	19
GARDEN CITY	18	4	6	8	27	43	14
ESSENDON TRAMWAY	17	3	4	10	39	80	10
WESTALL P.I.P.A.	17	2	3	12	28	60	7
KEW DEAF	18	1	3	14	25	76	5

Division 3 West

Alt Nth Tarx 2 Keilor O/Boys 0
Altona H W Nippondenso 0
K Park H 4 Whittlesea 2
St Alb Wand 2 Sunbury 1
St Albans Dyn 0 Ardeer 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
ALT NTH TARXIEN	18	13	4	1	59	11	30
ARDEER	18	13	4	1	52	18	30
ST ALBANS DYNAMO	17	10	6	1	61	18	26
KEILOR OLD BOYS	16	6	5	5	37	38	17
ALTONA HEIGHTS	17	7	3	7	30	34	17
ST ALB WANDERERS	14	7	1	6	33	23	15
K PARK HEIGHTS	18	4	3	11	30	55	11
WHITTLESEA	17	5	1	11	33	62	11
NIPPONDENSO	18	3	2	13	32	70	8
SUNBURY	17	1	3	13	15	53	5

Division 4

Alex the Great 9 Sunsh Un 0
Epping Thistle 4 Dingley Un 3
Bye * Endeavour Un *
Salesian OB 0 Elth/D.V W
Sunsh M'Donia 8 Embassy T 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
ELTHAM/D. VALLEY	16	12	2	2	36	17	26
EPPING THISTLE	16	11	3	2	43	22	25
SUNSHINE M'DONIA	15	11	0	4	49	16	22
ENDEAVOUR UNITED	16	9	2	5	35	27	20
ALEX THE GREAT	16	9	1	6	40	31	19
SUNSHINE UNITED	16	5	1	10	31	48	11
SALESIAN O.B.	16	3	1	12	19	28	7
EMBASSY TAKIS	15	3	1	11	18	57	7
DINGLEY UNITED	16	2	1	13	24	69	5

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ROUND TWENTY-NINE DETAILS

ALTONA GATE 0 GREEN GULLY 1 (Daly 70th)
At Paisley Reserve, Saturday. Referee J. Rutter. Caution Aslimovski (A).
ALTONA GATE: Lee - Micevski, Markovski, Byrne, Ilioski - Nicoski, Kebakovski, Aslimovski (Stojcevski 66th), Todorovski (Georgievski 72nd - McMullen, Tortevski. Coach Bill Murray.
GREEN GULLY: Sant - Hogben, McLelland, Chetcuti, Grimaud - Wilson, Pender, Smart - Metaxas (Elsey 60th), Harrison, Daly. Coach Bill Murray.
Ansett best player award: Metaxas (GG) 3, McMullen (Alt) 2, Pender (GG) 1.

MORWELL FALCONS 0 FRANKSTON PINES 0
At North Crinigan Reserve, Saturday. Referee J. Fraser.
MORWELL FALCONS: Reynolds - Bingham, Walsh, Bruns, Doyle - O'Donnell, Nelson, Byrne, Cassar (Basara 70th) - McBride, Wright. Coach Bob McLachlan.
FRANKSTON PINES: Davies - Buchanan, Gavilan Ferris, Weir - McDonagh, Watson, Ross, Miller - Stirton, Gillard. Coach Joe Sweeney.
Ansett best player award: Davies (FP) 3, Nelson (MF) 2, Bruns (MF) 1.

ST ALBANS 3 (Morovic 33rd, 45th, Gagula 77th) BULLEEN 0
At Churchill Reserve, Saturday. Referee D. Voutsinas. Caution Cuze (St.A).
ST ALBANS: Vunderl - Babic (Hrbolic 82nd), Bozic, Kupresak, Dragovic (Cuze 82nd) - Colina, Eres, Dezic, Gagula - Morovic, Kuzman. Coach Branko Culina.
BULLEEN: Contini - Marsan, Krajacic, Curulli, Dal Ben - Livingstone, Ruccia, Avian - O'Keefe (Angele HT), Incantalupo, Lujic. Coach Alan Gentry.
Ansett best player award: Kupresak (St.A) 3, Morovic (St.A) 2, Incantalupo (B) 1.

CAULFIELD CITY 2 (Deligiannis 54th, Pappas 68th) CROYDON CITY 1 (McIntosh, pen. 80th)
At Princes Park, Saturday. Referee J. Fearn.
CAULFIELD CITY: Koroneos - Bitsonis, Filipou, Fattore, Dimovski - Theoharous, Greenwood, Aretis, Casali - Deligiannis, Pappas. Coach Jim Condilis.
CROYDON CITY: M. Runje - Langsbury, Dobson (Gabrielson75th), Cubitt, Morgan (Brack 75th), Brown, McIntosh, Roodhouse, Field - Humble, Scott. Coach Ian Dobson.
Ansett best player award: Greenwood (Caul) 3, McIntosh (Croy) 2, Deligiannis (Caul) 1.

NORTHCOTE CITY (Harris 45th, 52nd) BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS (Lane 42nd)
At John Cain Reserve, Saturday. Referee J. Santa Isabel.
NORTHCOTE CITY: Turudia - Bekiaris (Tsangas 85th), Palmaricciotti, Harris, N. Constantinou - Ramos, Woodall, Gymnopoulos, Burgess - Cocker, J. Constantinou (Burlak 80th). Coach Jim Pyrgolios.
BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS: Marrama - Marley, Coady, Della Rocca, Giandomenico - Lane, Herd, Belic, Minichiello - Klepac (Giaccherini 55th), Egan. Coach Manfred Schaefer.
Ansett best player award: Harris (N) 3, N. Constantinou (N) 2, Ramos (N) 1.

RINGWOOD CITY 5 (Maguire 30th, 40th, 83rd, Shannon 47th, Walker 86th) MARIBYRNONG 1 (Bonk 65th)
At Jubilee Park, Sunday. Referee C. Ellis. Caution Verniers (R).
RINGWOOD CITY: Blackley - Haupt, Verniers, May, Nolan - Walker, Shannon, Kennedy, Muir - Maguire, Corvan. Coach Hans Petersen.
MARIBYRNONG: Kostrazewa - Farrugia, Innes, Fleming, Pichner (Blicharz 55th) - Czapnik, Bonk, Nelson, Temos - Baran, Bellegrinos (Stefanic 70th). Coach Leszik Dzielakowski.
Answett best player award: Maguire (R) 3, Nolan (R) 2, Walker (R) 1.

FAWKNER 1 (Emmanuelle 50th) THOMASTOWN 2 (Griffin 28th, De Propertis 67th)
At Smith Reserve, Sunday. Referee M. Calfapietra.
FAWKNER: Terzini - Cosentino, Tubic, Patricca, Schipano - Sabatino, Marchett, Campbell - Emmanuelle, Hanna, Raynes (Tabacco 60th). Coach Cedo Cirkovic.
THOMASTOWN: Janakievski - Mihos, Hennessy, Athersych, De Propertis - Ragusa, Cristaldo, Di Martino, Kapalitsas - Sinclair, Griffin. Coach Roberto Vieri.
Ansett best player award: Hennessy (T) 3, Cosentino (F) 2, Cristaldo (T) 1.

SPRINGVALE CITY 2 (Findlay 37th, Armstrong 55th) BOX HILL 0
At Ross Reserve, Sunday. Referee R. Simonis.
SPRINGVALE CITY: Brian - Kral, Adams, Bissinger, Reilly - Findlay, Fourna, Bryden - Webster, Armstrong, Tuffield (Keenan 70th). Coach Gus Macleod.
BOX HILL: McKinlay - Davis, Cooper, Davidson, Dimitrelis - McLeod (Lavalle 65th), Thomas, McArthur, McMorrow - McGeachey, McAleer. Coach John Brown.
Ansett best player award: Adams (S) 3, Cooper (BH) 2, McKinlay (BH) 1.

STATE LEAGUE LADDER

MORWELL F	29	17	9	3	57	23	43
JUVENTUS	29	16	9	4	47	21	41
CROY. CITY	29	17	5	7	46	17	39
ST ALBANS	29	15	9	5	41	22	39
Green Gully	29	15	4	10	56	31	34
Northcote C	29	14	6	9	36	29	32
Caulfield C	29	12	7	10	46	43	31
Altona Gate	29	10	10	9	40	33	30
Thomastown	29	9	10	10	30	38	28
Bulleen	29	11	7	11	24	31	27
Frankston P	29	7	10	12	37	53	24
Fawkner	29	8	6	15	29	44	22
Ringwood C	29	7	8	14	26	48	22
Springv. C	29	6	8	15	21	31	20
Box Hill	29	4	12	13	24	40	20
Maribyrnong	29	3	4	22	19	75	10

STATE LEAGUE RESERVES RESULTS

Northcote City 2 Brunswick Juventus 1
Morwell Falc. 6 Frankston Pines 1
St Albans 0 Bulleen 1
Fawkner 2 Thomastown 3
Ringwood City 2 Maribyrnong 4
Altona Gate 2 Green Gully 3
Springvale City 1 Box Hill 0
Caulfield City 2 Croydon City 1

STATE LEAGUE RESERVES LADDER

Juventus	27	16	9	2	69	27	41
Green Gully	28	16	8	4	74	34	40
Caulf. City	27	16	5	6	54	36	35
Altona Gate	29	14	5	10	58	53	33
St Albans	29	13	6	10	48	31	32
Thomastown	27	13	5	9	40	41	31
Morwell Falc.	28	13	4	11	48	39	30
Bulleen	26	11	7	8	31	31	29
Ringw City	27	7	12	8	42	47	26
Springv. C	27	9	7	11	28	35	25
Fawkner	28	8	5	15	36	41	21
Box Hill	27	7	7	13	35	52	21
Frankston P	27	9	2	16	40	62	20
Croydon C	27	6	7	14	37	49	19
Maribyrnong	28	5	8	15	35	57	18
Northcote C	24	5	3	16	21	61	13

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Leading goalscorers

20. Pappas (Caul)		Corvan (Ring)
		Davie (Ring)
16. Harrison (GG)		De Amicis (Juve)
		Drakeford (Caul)
14. Humble (Croy)		Findlay (S'vale)
McMullen (Alt)		Giaccherini (Juve)
		Griffin (Thom)
15. Morovic (St.A)		Keenan (FP)
		Keenan (S'vale)
13. Daley (GG)		Klepac (Juve)
Egan (Juve)		McAleer (BH)
		McGeachey (BH)
11. Basara (MF)		Pondeljak (St.A)
Wright (MF)		Roodhouse (Croy)
		Sokoluk (MF)
9. Carfora (Thom)		Theoharous (Caul)
Cocker (North)		Tsangas (North)
Deligiannis (Caul)		Wall (Ring)
Dick (FP)		Warszawski (MF)
Metaxas (GG)		
Scott (Croy)	2.	Aretis (Caul)
Woodall (North)		Avian (Bull)
		Bitsonis (Caul)
8. Bonk (Mar)		Bryden (S'vale)
Hanna (Fawk)		Constantinou.J (North)
Manley (MF)		De Propertis (Thom)
Stirton (FP)		Dougherty (Thom)
Watson (FP)		Egan (BH)
		Farquharson (G.G)
7. Eres (St.A)		Fattore (Fawk)
Gagula (St.A)		Ferla (Fawk)
Incantalupo (Bull)		Filipou (Caul)
Raynes (Fawk)		Higgins (Thom)
Tortevski (Alt)		Ilioski (Alt)
		Livingstone (Bull)
6. Lane (Juve)		Kouremenos (North)
McIntosh (Croy)		Lujic (Bull)
Maguire (Ring)		McGrellis (Juve)
		McMillan (GG)
5. Byrne (MF)		Marchett (Fawk)
Doyle (MF)		Markovski (Alt)
Emmanuelle (Fawk)		Marley (Juve)
Georgevski (Alt)		Muir (Ring)
Glockner (Juve)		Nelson (MF)
Harris (North)		O'Keefe (Bull)
Herd (Juve)		Patiniotis (North)
Kupresak (St.A)		Patterson (Juve)
McBride (MF)		Ramos (North)
Webster (S'vale)		Runje.G (Croy)
4. Armstrong (S'vale)		Sabatino (Fawk)
Athersych (Thom)		Sinclair (Thom)
Campbell (Fawk)		Thomas (BH)
Cristaldo (Thom)		Trogrlic (Bull)
Dobson (Croy)		
Kennedy (BH)	1.	Aslimovski (Alt)
McArthur (BH)		Belegrinos (Mar)
McLelland (GG)		Belic (Juve)
Nelson (Mar)		Bingham (MF)
Pender (GG)		Bothwell (FP)
Ross (FP)		Bozic (St.A)
Todorovski (Alt)		Bruns (MF)
van Egmond (Croy)		Burgess (North)
		Burlak (North)
3. Baran (Mar)		Cassar (MF)
Bozikas (Bull)		
Brimmer (Croy)		

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VELIMIR Kupresak has taken out the Ansett Award for 1989, and wins a trip for two to the Gold Coast, flying Ansett, of course.

Kupresak is a worthy winner after an outstanding season, and he must be one of the favourites to also carry off both the prestigious Bill Fleming Medal and thenew State League Gold Medal.

Congratulations, Velimir, from all at *Soccer Star*.

FALCONS HOME AND HOSED

Juve's challenge peters out

"IT was the finest display of goalkeeping I have ever seen . . he'll never play any better than that."
That was how Morwell Falcons coach Bob McLachlan started off telling me about his team's scoreless draw which virtually assured the Latrobe Valley boys of their first State League championship.

The goalkeeper he was referring to was of course Frankston Pines' Lee Davies, who almost single-handed denied Falcons victory.

"He made at least eight incredible saves in the first half alone," says McLachlan "and then followed up with three more in the second half."

When I asked him for the three best on the ground in voting order, McLachlan said, half-seriously, Davies 3, Davies 2, Davies 1.

"I don't know about him being in the team of the week," says Bobby "what about team of the year, in fact I think he deserved the Ansett Award for that one game alone."

Frankston Pines fans have been singing Davies' praises all season and his votes in the Ansett award reflect his consistency.

He seems certain to be a target for scouts from other clubs (Crystal Palace maybe?), as does another good young goalkeeper from a not very successful team, Robert Brian.

Morwell Falcons' almost inevitable championship success, with only one round to go, has been somewhat clouded over by Juventus' strenuous efforts to gain the two points from its draw with Fawkner on August 27.

Fawkner that day played both Willie Raynes and Andy O'Dell, who it was thought were returning from suspension.

Raynes and O'Dell also played in Fawkner's next match against Bulleen which Fawkner won.

Then an objection was lodged on the grounds that Raynes and O'Dell had not served their full suspension and although they had been cleared in writing to play and indeed Fawkner had paid the fine and collected their passports, they were left out of Fawkner's next game, against Box Hill, as a precaution.

The Tribunal cleared Fawkner of any wrong doing, but that wasn't good enough for Juventus which has decided to appeal.

The appeal will be heard tonight (Thursday), and whilst on the face of it Juve wouldn't seem to have any hope of winning, stranger things have happened.

If Juventus wins, it will gain an extra point, and its goal difference will benefit by three more goals.

That would put it one point behind Falcons with a goal difference only five goals less than Falcons'.

And that brings up an interesting point.

Is it fair to Falcons that they have to play their last game, against Ringwood City, the day before Juventus plays its last game, against Caulfield City at Olympic Park?

I think it isn't because Juve would know what it had to do, and I think that if Juve wins its appeal, the VSF should put Falcons' match back to Sunday.

Even though Falcons might be getting a little jittery about Juv's appeal, it has the reassurance of knowing that it only has to draw to win the title, and I think it is capable of that. Especially with Ron Manley coming back from suspension.

any fair-minded person that Juventus has tossed away the championship in the last few weeks on the field, not in the courtroom.

Its last win was against Altona Gate on August 19.

After that game, Juve was on top of the ladder, two points ahead of Falcons, with a game in hand.

But that was also the week when it was announced that Manfred Schaefer was to sign a three-year contract to coach APIA Leichhardt.

After that Juve didn't win a game, drawing three and losing two . . . draw your own conclusions.

TEAM OF THE WEEK

Davies (Pines)
Harris (North)
Adams (S'vale), Hennessy (St.A), Pender (GG), Cristaldo (Thom)
Greenwood (Caul), McMullen (Alt)
Subs: McIntosh (Croy), Maguire (Ring), Metaxas (GG).

● Green Gully's three-pronged strike-force, Tommy Daly, Kevin Harrison and John Metaxas, who have scored 38 goals between them this season.

39. Kupresak (St.A)		Webster (S'vale)
31. Lane (Juve)	18.	Fattore (Caul)
		Krajacic (Bull)
30. Pender (GG)		Lujic (Bull)
		McIntosh (Croy)
29. Byrne (MF)	17.	Brian (S'vale)
26. Harris (North)		
25. McMullen (Alt)	16.	Athersych (Thom)
		Humble (Croy)
23. Cooper (BH)		Watson (FP)
Corvan (Ring)		
van Egmond (Croy)	15.	Minichiello (Juve)
20. Bozic (St.A)		Woodall (North)
Dick (FP)		
Drakeford (Caul)	14.	McLelland (GG)
		Manley (MF)
19. Herd (Juve)		
Maguire (Ring)	13.	Brown (Croy)

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HEIDELBERG COACH STILL NOT FINALISED
Contrary to what we have read recently, Heidelberg has not yet decided on a coach for 1990.

Newly-elected president Nick Katsakis said this week that the club would not be making a decision until Miron Bleiberg returned from his Israeli holiday, sometime next week.

"We are talking to several likely candidates, people like Len McKendry and John Gardiner, but we want to discuss the matter with Miron first of all and see what he wants to do.

"The only certain appointment we have made so far is that of John Kennedy, who will be assistant coach.

'He will be taking training until we make an appointment, who knows, he could even become the senior coach."

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JUVE LOST IT ON THE FIELD
Legal challenges aside, it's plain to

Heidelberg expects to finalise the transfer of Steve Gojevic to Sydney Croatia later this week.

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CROYDON'S BIG PROBLEM

Croydon City is set for a big confrontation with Croydon Council at the end of October.

The Council has notified the club that it intends to instal a skateboard club in Croydon's present ground Croydon Park, at the end of the soccer season even though it is still unable to say when work will commence on the club's new facilities behind the Dorset Gardens HOtel.

Two excellent all-weather soccer pitches have been laid out there, but that is all, as Council is yet to obtain a permit to build new dressing-rooms. Croydon members are up in arms at the thought of losing the clubrooms at Croydon Park, which they built themselves.

The present impasse at Croydon could well prove yet another headache for the VSF.

If the Premier League does come into being, how can Croydon be included, if the criteria means anything?

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VALE'S WIN COULD BE VITAL
Springvale City's win over Box Hill on Sunday, which lifted the 'Vale off second bottom, could well prove crucial to the club's future.

If the proposed new Premier League fails to come about, Box Hill will be relegated along with Maribyrnong and Springvale will be reprieved.

This weekend's games with probable winners in capitals:

SATURDAY: Bulleen v **NORTHCOTE CITY** at Veneto Club, **MORWELL FALCONS** v Ringwood City at North Crinigan Reserve.

SUNDAY: **THOMASTOWN v Springvale City at Partridge Reserve, CROYDON CITY** v Frankston Pines at Croydon Park, Brunswick Juventus v Caulfield City (draw) at Olympic Park, Box Hill v **ST ALBANS** at Wembley Park, **GREEN GULLY** v Fawkner at Gully Reserve, **MARIBYRNONG** v Altona Gate at Raleigh Reserve.

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FIRSTS

W'bee	3	V	W'gte	2
E'don	1	V	D'nong	0
S'ham	1	V	Knox	3
W.Subs	2	V	W'wad	2
Oakl'h	2	V	Albion	3
M'bark	3	V	Mord	1
Dove'n	1	V	B'mead	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Albion	24	13	9	2	31	14	35
M'bark	23	13	6	4	39	18	32
S'ham	25	10	7	8	41	32	27
Knox	23	12	3	8	38	32	27
Oakl'h	22	9	8	5	30	20	26
W.Subs	24	8	9	7	26	27	25
B'mead	25	8	7	10	26	27	23
E'don	25	8	7	10	24	32	23
Dove'n	25	9	5	11	28	40	*23
Mord	23	6	10	7	27	31	22
W'bee	24	8	6	10	24	34	22
W'gte	22	8	5	9	28	23	21
W'wad	21	6	7	8	32	31	19
D'nong	24	1	3	20	17	50	5

RESERVES

W'bee	1	V	W'gte	0
E'don	2	V	D'nong	3
S'ham	0	V	Knox	8
W.Subs	1	V	W'wad	3
Oakl'h	1	V	Albion	2
M'bark	6	V	Mord	0
Dove'n	4	V	B'mead	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
M'bark	24	15	4	5	56	26	34
Albion	23	16	2	5	49	30	34
Dove'n	23	12	8	3	41	24	32
W'wad	23	13	3	7	54	32	29
Knox	20	10	6	4	60	21	26
B'mead	22	9	5	8	36	34	23
Oakl'h	22	6	9	7	38	31	21
W.Subs	23	9	2	12	25	49	20
S'ham	22	7	5	10	46	50	19
E'don	23	8	2	13	33	39	18
W'bee	23	8	1	14	26	52	17
D'nong	24	6	3	15	24	38	15
Mord	23	5	4	14	37	74	14
W'gte	19	6	0	13	25	50	12

LEAGUE 2

FIRSTS

S'bury	0	V	Wav.C	2
Keilor		V	Geel	
R'wood	1	V	B'ton	2
H'berg	1	V	Pt Mel	2
Y'ville	1	V	C'ton H	3
R'mond	2	V	Don Rv	4
N.Geel	4	V	Coburg	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
N.Geel	24	16	3	5	49	23	35
B'ton	24	14	5	5	38	23	33
Pt Mel	24	15	3	6	43	30	33
Geel	24	13	5	6	43	33	31
Keilor	23	12	6	5	37	22	30
Wav.C	25	12	4	9	46	31	28
R'wood	23	9	8	6	34	32	26
C'ton H	24	10	5	9	34	32	25
Coburg	23	8	7	8	38	35	23
R'mond	24	10	3	11	39	45	23
Don Rv	25	5	7	13	20	35	17
S'bury	24	5	5	14	25	41	15
H'berg	24	4	3	17	28	51	11
Y'ville	23	1	2	20	13	54	4

RESERVES

S'bury	1	V	Wav.C	0
Keilor		V	Geel	
R'wood	2	V	B'ton	2
H'berg	4	V	Pt Mel	0
Y'ville	1	V	C'ton H	6
R'mond	2	V	Don Rv	1
N.Geel	2	V	Coburg	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
B'ton	22	17	2	3	49	19	36
C'ton H	21	15	3	3	61	23	33
Keilor	18	14	2	2	46	22	30
N.Geel	23	13	3	7	63	43	29
Pt Mel	22	12	1	9	47	34	25
Geel	20	11	2	7	58	33	24
R'mond	23	9	3	11	45	56	21
Wav.C	21	10	0	11	48	32	20
Don Rv	21	8	2	11	46	40	18
S'bury	25	7	3	15	38	50	17
R'wood	22	8	1	13	47	75	17
H'berg	23	5	4	14	34	51	14
Y'ville	21	5	0	16	27	94	10
Coburg	18	2	2	14	17	54	6

LEAGUE 3

FIRSTS

Lalor	3	V	S'vale	0
Holl Pk	2	V	C'sea	2
Elt/D.V	1	V	Bell Pk	3
Altona	1	V	M'bin	2
M'ton	3	V	Y'ourn	1
C/Geel	2	V	C'inda	2
S'ford	2	V	H'thon	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bell Pk	25	17	2	6	58	21	36
C'sea	25	14	7	4	46	27	35
C/geel	25	12	7	6	38	26	31
S'ford	25	13	4	8	50	27	30
C'inda	25	11	8	6	42	36	30
M'ton	25	11	6	8	29	27	28
Elt/d.V	25	10	6	9	36	35	26
M'bin	25	9	6	10	34	37	24
Lalor	24	10	4	10	36	43	24
Holl Pk	25	10	2	13	39	47	22
S'vale	24	5	8	11	29	39	18
Altona	25	6	4	15	35	56	16
H'thon	23	4	5	14	26	44	13
Y'ourn	25	4	5	16	20	53	13

RESERVES

Lalor	0	V	S'vale	2
Holl Pk	0	V	C'sea	3
Elt/D.V	5	V	Bell Pk	0
Altona	0	V	M'bin	3
M'ton	1	V	Y'ourn	0
C/Geel	0	V	C'inda	5
S'ford	6	V	H'thorn	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Elt/d.V	20	18	0	2	62	19	36
M'bin	23	15	4	4	68	24	34
S'ford	25	14	3	8	62	31	31
C'inda	24	15	1	8	63	50	31
S'vale	23	12	3	8	56	41	27
Bell Pk	24	11	5	8	39	37	27
Altona	25	9	6	10	41	43	24
C'sea	23	11	1	11	46	44	23
Lalor	24	7	8	9	37	43	22
M'ton	25	9	3	13	30	45	21
Holl Pk	21	6	4	11	32	55	16
H'thorn	23	5	6	12	28	53	16
C/geel	22	5	2	15	37	53	12
Y'ourn	24	1	4	19	19	82	6

LEAGUE 4

FIRSTS

Hamlyn	1	V	Regent	2
Keysbro	0	V	Boronia	0
W'town	1	V	Bent	3
More.Pk	0	V	L'warr	1
K'ingal	1	V	Brun/Iv	0
Cl'ton	5	V	P'vale	3
FTGully	2	V	R'anna	3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Cl'ton	25	16	6	3	70	33	38
Bent	25	14	10	1	57	25	38
Brun/iv	25	15	6	4	40	16	36
L'warr	24	11	7	6	38	25	29
Hamlyn	23	12	4	7	49	30	28
Regent	25	12	4	9	31	25	28
K'ingal	25	11	5	9	36	26	27
P'vale	24	7	6	11	25	38	20
More.Pk	24	7	5	12	32	45	19
Boronia	22	6	6	10	21	37	18
Ftgully	25	6	5	14	26	48	17
R'anna	23	6	5	12	27	50	17
W'town	25	3	7	15	29	57	13
Keysbro	25	3	6	16	20	46	12

RESERVES

Hamlyn	0	V	Regent	1
Keysbro	2	V	Boronia	6
W'town	2	V	Bent	5
More.Pk	0	V	L'warr	1
K'ingal	0	V	Brun/Iv	2
Cl'ton	5	V	P'vale	0
FTGully	2	V	R'anna	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brun/iv	24	14	6	4	53	25	34
L'warr	23	13	7	3	46	23	33
Cl'ton	23	15	3	5	38	22	33
K'ingal	23	11	4	8	44	27	26
Bent	24	10	6	8	54	45	26
Regent	23	8	8	7	41	38	24
Ftgully	23	9	4	10	37	37	22
More.Pk	22	7	6	9	33	33	20
Keysbro	25	8	4	13	38	57	20
R'anna	23	6	6	11	35	49	18
Hamlyn	21	8	1	12	33	34	17
Boronia	20	7	3	10	29	34	17
P'vale	21	7	1	13	23	49	15
W'town	25	6	3	16	33	64	15

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE 1

FIRSTS

Mossf'	0	V	E Geel	0
N.Sun	3	V	Malvern	2
B'wick	1	V	S'vale	1
Wav'ly	1	V	W Mead	3
W Vale	0	V	Oak.Sub	2
Berwick	2	V	S Yarra	1
Prahran	1	V	Melton	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
S'vale	24	18	5	1	53	21	41
Prahran	25	13	8	4	54	38	34
Berwick	23	14	2	7	52	35	30
Oak.Sub	22	13	4	5	48	32	30
Mossf'	25	11	6	8	39	33	28
N.Sun	23	11	4	8	52	35	26
W Mead	23	11	2	10	41	36	24
Malvern	23	9	6	8	39	40	24
W Vale	24	8	7	9	31	30	23
B'wick	23	5	8	10	29	43	18
E Geel	23	7	4	12	31	50	18
Melton	25	5	7	13	33	47	17
Wav'ly	24	4	3	17	27	57	11
S Yarra	25	2	4	19	21	53	8

RESERVES

Mossf'	7	V	E Geel	0
N.Sun	3	V	Malvern	1
B'wick		V	S'vale	
Wav'ly	0	V	W Mead	7
W Vale	1	V	Oak.Sub	0
Berwick	4	V	S Yarra	4
Prahran	2	V	Melton	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Prahran	25	17	5	3	67	25	39
N.Sun	22	14	3	5	56	27	31
S'vale	20	12	4	4	38	24	28
Malvern	22	12	4	6	50	40	28
W Mead	20	11	5	4	48	44	27
Melton	25	9	5	11	34	32	23
W Vale	22	8	5	9	27	26	21
S Yarra	24	6	8	10	55	52	20
Mossf'	23	6	8	9	50	48	20
Berwick	22	4	10	8	33	44	18
B'wick	20	5	7	8	29	38	17
Oak.Sub	21	5	5	11	23	39	15
Wav'ly	23	6	2	15	27	64	14
E Geel	23	3	5	15	34	68	11

LEAGUE 2

FIRSTS

Lalor	0	V	F.Hill	2
Glenroy	1	V	Cranb'n	2
Br'tons	1	V	Monash	2
S S'vale	0	V	Altona Eas	2
Port Un	2	V	S Dandy	1
Uni Melb	3	V	Ball't	2
F'kston	3	V	Ascot	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
F.Hill	25	15	8	2	61	25	38
Altona	25	16	5	4	48	28	37
Cranb'n	25	15	6	4	47	25	36
S S'val	25	14	6	5	52	25	34
S Dandy	24	15	3	6	57	35	33
Br'tons	24	10	7	7	42	31	27
Ascot	24	9	8	7	39	30	26
Uni Mel	25	7	8	10	32	39	22
Port Un	25	6	5	14	33	59	17
Lalor	24	3	10	11	29	43	16
F'kston	25	4	8	13	24	41	16
Ball't	25	6	4	15	31	54	16
Glenroy	25	5	4	16	31	61	14
Monash	25	5	4	16	20	50	14

RESERVES

Lalor	2	V	F.Hill	2
Glenroy	3	V	Cranb'n	0
Br'tons	1	V	Monash	2
S S'vale	0	V	Altona Eas	2
Port Un	3	V	S Dandy	2
Uni Melb	1	V	Ball't	0
F'kston	2	V	Ascot	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Uni Mel	25	17	5	3	65	25	39
Ascot	24	15	3	6	65	29	33
Altona	24	12	9	3	45	28	33
F.Hill	24	10	6	8	59	45	26
Ball't	25	10	6	9	38	26	26
Glenroy	24	11	4	9	57	54	26
F'kston	25	11	4	10	40	45	26
S Dandy	23	9	6	8	45	46	24
Cranb'n	25	7	9	9	35	41	23
Lalor	23	6	8	9	46	48	20
Monash	25	6	6	13	29	49	18
S S'val	24	5	6	13	26	45	16
Br'tons	24	6	2	16	30	61	14
Port Un	21	4	4	13	30	68	12

LEAGUE 3

FIRSTS

Nth Clayto	1	V	R'dale	1
Carrum	0	V	Ringw'd	4
Lyndale	3	V	Monbulk	0
Fitzroy	2	V	Med.Pk.	2
Altona	3	V	Kew	1
W'tirna	4	V	Bataan	1
Mitcham	1	V	Brandon	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Lyndale	24	15	6	3	58	24	36
Fitzroy	24	14	7	3	43	25	35
Brandon	24	14	6	4	49	23	34
Kew	25	12	8	5	37	28	32
Ringw'd	24	8	10	6	36	30	26
W'tirna	25	8	8	9	49	35	24
Med.Pk.	21	9	6	6	32	28	24
Altona	24	8	8	8	24	25	24
Mitcham	23	8	5	10	38	46	21
Monbulk	23	6	7	10	31	26	19
Bataan	22	3	10	9	31	38	16
Carrum	23	3	10	10	25	40	16
R'dale	23	3	8	12	30	61	14
Nth Cla	25	2	5	18	21	75	9

RESERVES

N.Clayton	0	V	R'dale	4
Carrum	5	V	Ringw'd	6
Lyndale	0	V	Monbulk	3
Fitzroy	6	V	Med.Pk.	0
Altona	3	V	Kew	2
W'tirna	1	V	Bataan	1
Mitcham	2	V	Brandon	5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Monbulk	23	14	6	3	61	31	34
Lyndale	24	16	1	7	80	45	33
Kew	25	13	6	6	58	37	32
Bataan	22	14	3	5	63	40	31
R'dale	24	14	3	7	60	38	31
Brandon	24	12	5	7	57	31	29
W'tirna	22	11	6	5	52	37	28
Altona	23	10	3	10	47	51	23
Med.Pk.	18	7	2	9	44	48	16
Ringw'd	22	6	2	14	33	55	14
Mitcham	21	5	3	13	32	49	13
Fitzroy	22	5	3	14	43	72	13
Carrum	23	5	3	15	54	90	13
N.Clayt	21	2	0	19	18	78	4

Regrettably, owing to the National championships, the VSF was unable to supply us with the Junior results and ladders this week.

However, up-to-date results and ladders will be published next week.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

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STATE LEAGUE

MORWELL FALCONS 0 FRANKSTON PINES 0

WITH Ally Dick and Stephen Keenan on suspension Pines travelled to Morwell with the aim of coach Sweeney of collecting a point from this most important away game and replaced both above players with Buchanan and Gillard for his first full Senior Game.

In a quiet first twenty minutes half chances fell to Stirton of Pines and Cassar of Falcons. Young Pines keeper Davies was excelling in goals with brilliant saves from continual Falcon Pressure.

It was brilliant football which saw the ball see-saw from end to end with Falcons pressuring the Pines defence only to see Davies save time and time again which saw both sides enter the break at 0-0.

The first real chance for the second half came when Gavilan lost the ball to Wright who was brought down by Buchanan on the edge of the Box only to see Nelson's shot soar over the bar. Falcons were becoming concerned now and realised that the championship could be slipping from their grasp and immediately stepped up the pace with Wright again trekking down the right with only Davies to beat but again the young keeper foiled the attack with a brilliant save.

Wright again broke clear this time hitting the cross bar with his shot. Basara replaced Cassar for Falcons much to the disgust of the supporters and was immediately involved in the play when a cross from the right landed directly at his feet with an open goal but mis-kicked only to see the ball go wide and give Pines the point they had endeavoured to gain from this game.

Pines Reserves went to Morwell with 5 Under 14 boys in the team and although defeated 5-1 these lads were very impressive and held their own considering the appalling condition of the second pitch of which they were forced to play on.

Excellent performances from Jones, Leklec, Samuels, Kingston, Entwistle.

It goes to show youth can perform at Senior status if given the chance and perseverance.

D.J.

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CAULFIELD 2 CROYDON 1

CROYDON, with key players Van Egmond, Brimmer injured and Goran Runje "yellow carded" fielded an experimental side which included youngsters Cubbitt and Field, and fifteen year old David Morgan, allo f whom aquitted themselves well against the seasoned Caulfield team.

Play was fairly even in the first half with Croydon facing a strong breeze and a determined Caulfield side.

Con Pappas forced Mirko Runje, to make a dramatic save from a full blooded shot from close in and minutes later the big Croydon goalie dived into a mass of boots and legs to grab the ball before a Caulfield player could react and shoot for goal.

Andy Humble combined cleverly with young Morgan and Darren Scott, dummied the Caulfield keeper, who had left his area, but Humble hooked attempt just went wide.

With 0-0 at half time it looked as though it was going to stay that way until the final whistle, but two quick Caulfield goals by Nick Deligiannis and a gem by Pappas salvaged the Croydon side, and Andy Humble began to play at everything and was rewarded for his efforts when the goal bound lob was punched out by the Caulfield full back, and Dave McIntosh made a mistake with the resultant penalty.

Although Croydon came very close to the equaliser in the closing stages, a rather scrappy game with the wind and dusty playing surface not assisting either side, came to an end with Caulfield running out winners just about deservedly by 2 goals to 1.

It must be of some consolation to Croydon's coach, Ian Dobson, that he has played coming through the ranks who can hold their own in higher company, and next season will be challenging for a regular senior team spot.

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MORWELL FALCONS 0 FRANKSTON PINES 0

THE scoreless drawn result of the game at Morwell doesn't really reflect the way the game was played.

Some outstanding work between the posts by Frankston's keeper Lee Davies denied Falcons a bagful of goals, while at the other end big Dave Reynolds was hardly tested.

After eleven minutes a Falcon's corner resulted in a goal mouth melee where Sean Byrne hammered forward but the ball was palmed out by Davies.

Another "certainty" was well held when Byrne flicked the ball into the fast running Effie Cassar who headed when Byrne flicked the ball into the fast running Effie Cassar who headed towards the roof of the net but Davies leaped high making a great save.

Jim Nelson had a well chipped shot palmed over the top and the resultant corner well placed by Jeff Doyle was sent out to Billy Wright who caught it perfectly on the volley and slammed it goalwards where Davies grabbed it to his chest, the force of the shot causing referee John Fraser to halt the game for a couple of minutes while Davies received attention in regaining his breath.

Frankston almost had a moment of glory when Harry Bingham mistimed a pass at the back and allowed Ian Stirton to shoot but the ball rebounded off Reynolds and back into play for Geoff Gillard to try a quick shot but the ball went wide of the post.

Prior to the break, Byrne, Wright and O'Donnell all had shots that were again well saved and it was evident that a few frustrations were starting to creep into the game.

Only a few minutes into the second half and Billy Wright was brought to ground by Ian Weir with the free kick going over the bar then another hard tackle by Weir earned him the yellow card.

It seemed that nothing could make the ball go past the very safe hands of Davies, shots from Wright, Nelson Byrne and McBride were all grabbed and held well.

With twenty minutes to go Bobby McLachlan brought on Darko Basara and the locals cheered loudly but the cheers changed to boos when it was Effie Cassar who was brought off, Cassar made his feelings known to the coach as he ran past the box.

In the last minute, Wright took the ball through and instead of slamming at the goal he passed sideways in an attempt to get the keeper off guard but the pass got tangled up in the legs of Jim Nelson and the expected shot didn't eventuate.

The one point for the draw places the Valley Club in the top position two points clear of Brunswick Juventus and with only one game of the season left and a pretty healthy goal average, the League Championship is looking good for the Morwell Falcons.

E.H.

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INDOOR SOCCER

IT was a weekend of upsets and sold out stadiums in the James Hardie National Indoor Soccer League.

More than 300 fans were turned away from the Fairfield Leisure Centre when over 1100 people crammed into the stadium to watch the Sydney Swans knock red hot favourites, the White Eagles off the top of the league with a thrilling 3-2 win.

It was the same in Melbourne when 500 fans packed the Ascot Vale Leisure Centre to see defending champions Melbourne Buffalos down Brisbane 8-4 and move into third place on the ladder.

The packed stadium means the James Hardie Na tional Indoor Soccer League's major headache is to search for new venues in the coming weeks, particularly for the finals series in December.

There were upsets galore in the James Hardie NISL led by the West Sydney Swans who downed favourites, the White Eagles, 3-2 on Saturday evening and then backed up to down three times national champions, the NIB Tornadoes 7-4 on Sunday morning.

Led by international brothers, Erkin and Ernie Osman and Australian goalkeeper Bruce Thurlow, the Swans restricted the League's leading scorers Filipovic and Blagojovic to just one goal apiece.

It was a tremendous match of skill, rated the finest of the league so far. The two wins hurtle the Swans, beaten finalists last year, to the top of the table.

Defending champions, the Melbourne Buffalos also enjoyed two wins over the weekend to move into third place.

The Buffalos downed Brisbane 8-4 and the Sydney Strikers 10-6 to indicate they are far from a spent force.

In another major upset AMIGA Commodores, newcomers to the league this year, beat triple champions NIB Tornadoes 7-6 in a phenomenal match despite Sydney Olympic's Abbas Saad scoring four goals for the Tornadoes.

It was one of two losses for the proud Tornaodes — they lost to West Sydney Swans on Sunday 7-4 — and they now slip to equal fourth place.

In the Buffalo Sports Womens NISL there were only two games. Sydney Strikers beating Melbourne Buffalos 4-0 to move to within two points of the Buffalos at the top of the table while the NIB Tornadoes had a comfortable 7-4 victory over the Swans.

Melb. Buff	5	3	1	1	27	16	11
Syd. Str.	3	3	0	0	17	3	9
NIB Torn.	3	2	1	0	24	12	8
West Syd. S	4	1	0	3	13	25	3
Brish	2	0	0	2	5	14	0
Illawarra	3	0	0	3	6	22	0

Leading scorers: 13 Kim Lembryk (Tornadoes) 7 Julie Hebb (Strikers) 6 Carol Church (Buffalos) 6 Janine McPhee (Buffalos) 5 Wendy Kinmont (Buffalos) 5 Chritine James (Swans) 4 Sarah Cooper (Buffalos) 4 Debbie Hyde (Strikers) 4 Cindy Heydon (Tornadoes) 3 Julie Dolan (Tornadoes)

Next week's games: Saturday: Sydney Strikers v NIB Tornadoes, Mt Druitt. SUNDAY: Sydney Strikers v West Sydney Swans 5 pm, Fairfield Leisure Centre Melb. Buffalos v Illawarra, West Sunshne 10.30 am.

Weekend's Results: B. Tornadoes 7 West Sydney Swans 3; Sydney Strikers 4 Melb. Buffaloes 0.

Please note 3 points for a win; 2 for a score draw; 1 for a scorless draw, 0 for a loss as per international rules of Futsal.

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JAMES HARDIE NATIONAL INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE

W Syd Sw	6	5	1	0	52	23	17
White Eag	6	5	0	1	81	25	15
Melb Buf	6	2	3	1	34	33	12
NIB Torn	5	2	1	2	28	21	8
Amiga Com	6	2	1	3	35	50	8
Latrobe V	6	2	0	4	47	54	6
Brisbane	5	2	0	3	27	47	6
Illawarra	3	1	0	2	28	28	3
Inter Mon	3	1	0	2	11	40	3
Syd Str	4	0	0	4	23	37	0

Leading scorers: 31 Radovan "Shiska" Filipovic (White Eagles); 30 Milan Blagojovic (White Eagles); 16 Erkin Osman (Swans) Abbas Saad (Tornadoes0; 14 Anthony Cassar (Latrobe Valley) 20 Jim Henderson (Latrobe Valley) 9 Joe Coelho (Illawarra) 9 Scott Gilligan (Amiga) 7 Charlie Akkary (Swans) 7 Dirk Siedentopf (Brisbane)

Next week's games SATURDAY: Sydney Strikers v NIB Tornadoes, Mt Druitt; Brisbane Bayside v Amiga Commodores, Chandler Stadium; Latrobe Valley Falcons v Illawarra, Moe Sports Centre, 8 pm; Melb. Buffalos v Inter Monaro, Ascot Vale 8.45 pm. SUNDAY: NIB Tornadoes v White Eagles, Fairfield Leisure Centre 7 pm; Sydney Strikers v West Sydney Swans, Fairfield Leisure Centre 8.30 pm; Melb. Buffalos v Illawarra West Sunsh. 12.15 pm; Latrobe Valley Falcons v Inter Monaro, Moe Sports Centre 1 pm.

Weekend's results Melbourne Buffalos 10 Syd. Strikers 6; Amiga Commod. 7 NIB Tornadoes 6, Brisbne 12 Latrobe Valley Falcons 9; West Sydney Swans 3 White Eagles 2, Melb. Buffalos 8 Brisb. 4; Latrobe Valley Falcons 9 Syd. Strikers 5; White Eagles 17 Amiga Commod. 4; West Sydney Swans 7 NIB Tornadoes 4.

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Melbourne Buffaloes v Sydney Strikers — Ladies

Melbourne Buffaloes the current leaders of the competition took on the keen and competitive Sydney Strikers in a game donominated by defences and some spectacular saves by both goalkeepers.

The Strikers continually pressed and were unlucky not to be in front at half time as they had played the better game.

The second half started off with both teams pressing hard to try and gain the break but the Buffalos finally cracked under the pressure from the constant attacks from Strikers and Julie Hebb kicked three magnificent goals in four minutes to give the Strikers a handy lead with eleven minutes remaining.

Strikers continued the pressure and Julie Hebb goaled again with one minute to go to give the Strikers a resounding 4-0 victory. The Strikers looked good and will certainly participate in this year's finals.

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MELBOURNE BUFFALOS V SYDNEY STRIKERS

THE Melbourne Buffalos started confidently against the Sydney Strikers and quickly went to a 2-0 lead with goals by Carvalho and Metaxsas before

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Strikers replied with a goal from Radic, however further goals to the Buffalos from Metaxas (2) and another to Carvalho put the Buffalos well in front before goals by Radic and Sparanzo reduced Buffalos lead to 5-3 at half time.

The second half started with Boris Atanovski and Carvalho controlling the back for Buffalos and with the deadly Metaxsas up front combining with Ibeas and Cristaldo the Buffalos with goals to Metaxas (2) and Cristaldo (2) were back to their best form. Strikers came back hard with goals to Bogicevic (2) and Valestro to reduce the lead to 9-6 but with the ball rolling on the floor close to goal, the miraculous Carvalho dived on the ball and headed the ball in for the goal of the year and a comfortable 10-6 victory to the Melbourne Buffalos.

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MELBOURNE BUFFALOS V BRISBANE BAYSIDERS

BEFORE a capacity crowd at the Ascot Vale Leisure Centre last year's champions took on the Brisbane Baysiders.

The Buffalos with their new players Boris and Zoran Atanovski started off slowly and a quick goal from Siedentopf for Brisbane stunned the Buffalos, however with steady play, accurate passing and great goals from Ribeiro, Ibeas and Cristaldo for the Buffalos, gave the strong Melbourne team a 3-1 lead at the interval.

The Buffalos started the second half with a great goal from Carvalho who was playing inspiring soccer and with another goal from Cristaldo the Buffalos looked good, but the Brisbane boys showed great courage and gave their all, and with goals from Siedentopf, White and Hansen they had given themselves a chance,e however the Buffalos quickened their tempo and further goals for the Buffalos to Steve Hackett and a great goal by Boris Atanovski proved the result beyond doubt.

Both teams are to be congratulated for the fine spirit and sportsmanship shown throughout this game and special mention should be given to Alex Sauhero who referred the game and did a great job, backed by his linesman.

The crowd had thoroughly enjoyed the game and gave both teams, referees and linesmen a standing ovation when they left the court.

Final scores Melb. Buffalos 8 — Brisbane Baysiders 4.

Victorian Third Division

ELTHAM DIAMOND VALLEY 1 BELL PARK 3

BELL Park survived a torrid first half in which they were a goal down, to Blitz Valley in the first 15 minutes of the second half with a three goal burst and maintain their challenge for the championship.

Valley had by far the better of the opening exchanges with Milenkovic, Jankulovski and Coyle in complete command. A cross by Brian Coyle was touched on to Richie Ritter by Milenkovic, but the youngster just failed to connect. Stevie Atkins slotted 10m coming out of the game and with that, most of the visitors attacks fizzled out way short of the penalty area.

Jankulovski took a free kick on the right wing, Johansson touched the ball across goal with his head and Hodgson tapped the ball home in the 29th m. Valley kept up the pressure and although several chances were made they had to be content with a one goal lead at the interval.

The second half was a totally different game. Bell Park took command from the whistle, Watters and Coutts dominated, and Tommy Cumming led the Valley defence a merry dance.

After only four minutes, Watters equalised after a defensive blunder, another one let Mills put Park in front and Cumming completed the rout with an overhead kick — all this in a 15m burst from which Valley could not recover.

The remainder of the game was fairly dull with Bell Park content to keep the ball in the Valley half of of the Park no matter how much they tried, Valley could not recapture their first half sparkle and in the end were well beaten.

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Victorian First Division

MOOBOOLBARK 3 MORDIALLOC 1

MOOROOLBARK went another step closer to the first division championship with this decisive win over a ragged Mordialloc side.

Initially suprior in the opening spell, Mooroolbark should have gone ahead in the 8th minute when clever play by Greg House left himself with an open goal, only to have his shot cleared off the line.

Tragecy struck for Mooroolbark in the 27th minute when Paul Cook was carried off with what proved to be damage to his ribs and kidney.

The defenside re adjustment with John Beale coming on a substitute didn't weaken the Barkers defence, and they conned and should have gone into the break at least two goals up.

Mordialloc took a shock lead through Gonsales in the 30th minute.

As early as the 31st minute of the second half a nice interchange of passes between House, French, and Nyholt gave Nyholt the opportunity to score with a fierce drive for 12 yards.

Seven minutes later in the 55th minute, a quick break out from defense saw Nyholt, who appeared to be in an offside position, once again finish with a shot the keeper couldn't hold.

From that point on the game, which had always been niggling, been up in the 60th minute. Tempers frayed, punches were thrown and Gary Hobson and the Mordialloc No. 11 were both shown the red card.

This carmed things down somewhat and in the 80th minute what appeared to be a handball by French went unnoticed by the officials and he went on to score Mooroolbark's 3rd goal.

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Geelong Soccer

by ROY HAY

Two of Geelong's soccer teams look odds on to finish as League Champions after last week's results.

North Geelong defeated Coburg by four goals to two at Elcho Park and only needs one more victory to be certain of the title. North had to fight back twice after Coburg took an early lead, which was cancelled out by Danny Ward's goal.

Coburg went ahead again, and this time Paul Masterton equalised from the penalty spot. Colin Cooper and Ivan Skoko then turned North's second half supremacy into a convincing win.

Geelong's match at Keilor was postponed.

In Division Three, Bell Park bounced back to defeat Eltham/Diamond Valley by three goals to one at Willinda Park.

A point next week will make it champion. An even first half saw the home team take the lead following a free kick. The accurate chip was deflected and Micky Hodgson got the final touch which beat Gary Walker.

The keeper then pulled off a fine save to deny R. Ritter. K. Johansson kept the Park defence on its toes all day, and was unlucky with a shot which just shaved the post.

David Huddart got stuck into his team at half-time and within five minutes Park was level. Tommy Cumming got to the bye-line and keeper Hamilton flapped at his cross, which fell for David Mills to bang it home.

A long ball out of defence, resulted in three players, including the keeper, jumping on top of little Tommy Cumming. The ball rebounded to George Watters who calmly lobbed it over the ruck on the volley.

A minute later, Cumming took a ball on his chest and scored with a cheeky overhead kick.

Corio-Geelong United drew two-all at home to Clarinda. After Clarinda had gone ahead, Brendan Lakic equalised when he converted the home team's first penalty kick of the season. Rod van der Chys fired in a long shot, which took a deflection to put Corio-Geelong United ahead. It held the lead till the last thirty seconds, when Clarinda grabbed a point.

Hamlyn Rangers lost by two-one to Regent in Division Four at Myers Reserve. Craig Brown topped a clear chance in front of goal, Joe Tutone put a header wide and Ray Fridey also failed to score as Rangers kept up early pressure. Then the home team conceded two goals as the defence stood back an appealed for off-side.

Rangers did get one goal back when Stephen McAuliffe headed a Darren Nelson cross into the to corner.

Brintons also lost by two goals to one to Monash University after leading one-nil through an Ashley McIntyre goal.

A couple of errors in defence altered the course of the match as Brintons had dominated the first half.

Est Geelong had a scoreless draw away to Mossfiel Rangers. Tony Bozinovski hit the bar and had one shot cleared off the line with the keeper beaten, but neither side could break the deadlock.

National League team, Preston Makedonia will play a Geelong Select at Hamlyn Rangers, Myers Reserve next Sunday, kick-off three o'clock.

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Geelong City Under-18s

by ROY HAY

City City won the Victorian Under 18 Northern League last Sunday in dramatic fashion with a last-minute goal direct from a corner kick against Northcote City.

The victory is another step in a three effort to give youngsters in Geelong the chance to reach the highest level in soccer, without having to leave the area and play for Melbourne clubs.

City has applied for the National Youth League, Southern Division, which begins in November.

At the start of 1987, the idea of forming a combined side of players from all the Geelong clubs was first mooted. With the active support of Ken Slack, the Secretary of the Junior League Management Committee a team was entered in North West A Division of the Under-15 League.

So many players wanted to join that a second, Under-14, team was formed. City came second on goal difference to Green Gully and in 1988 was promoted to the Under-16 Super League. Three players from the club, Michael Spasevski, Peter Sorocuk and Lupco Stefanovski, were chosen to represent Victoria in 1987.

In 1988, City was runner up in the Western Shield and finished in mid-table in the Super League. In 1989, it made the jump to Under-18 gaining some players who had been just too old for the Under-16 team.

This year it won its section of the premier junior tournament in Geelong, the Mini-Geelong Advertiser Cup, and after suffering a reverse in its first match against Juventus in the Under-18 League, it has gone through the rest of the League season undefeated.

City has a squad of twenty-two players, sixteen of whom are playing on Saturdays for senior or reserve teams in the Victorian and Provisional Leagues. Every Geelong senior club is represented.

Its record in all matches this season is played twenty-seven, won sixteen drawn five and lost six, sixty-four goals scored and forty-one conceded. Top scorers are Stephen McAuliffe with eleven and Cedo Rakic with ten.

The Under 16s team has struggled hard in North West A Division. The highlights of its season include a win on penalty kicks against Juventus in the Cup and wins against Regent, Sydenham Park, twice, and Northern United in the League.

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Provisional

PORT UNITED 2 STH DANDENONG 1

With much at the stake for both teams, at different ends of the ladder, one wonders how such a lifeless and uninspiring match could have resulted. Port have obviously found goals hard to come by in a struggling season but there can be no excuse for South Dandenong.

Port did not so much win this game as South literally threw it away by their heart breaking ineptitude in front of goal. Sepetci put South in front after four minutes play but Elmazovski had already missed a 'sitter' before that. The same player shunned yet another 'gift' only minutes later.

Yildirim's shot hit the underside of the crossbar and somehow stayed the right side of the line. From a free kick, Sepetci got the lucky bounce of the ball, took it in and still lost possession to the goalkeeper. Port had hardly raised a whimper in the first half but had done a workmanlike job in catching South offside on many occasions. The visitors continued to dominate but with few exceptions to team lacked zest.

With South's tired looking approach to the game, Port were always in with a chance. Half way through the second half they got the break and Santos levelled the scores. F. Ribeiro almost made it two soon afterwards.

Perserverance paid off and seven minutes later Ribeiro put Port ahead with a well taken goal. Thomastown came to life in the closing assult but still failed right in front of goal. Gonulla had moved from mid-field to the central striking position but still to no avail. South had long since let the chance slip by in a game best forgotten.

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DOCKERTY CUP

3rd MAIN ROUND DRAW

SOUTH MELBOURNE v RINGWOOD CITY
PRESTON MAKEDONIA v MORDIALLOC
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS v ALTONA GATE
HEIDELBERG UNITED v KNOX CITY
MELB. CROATIA v MOOROOLBARK
BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS v BULLEEN

BYES: MORWELL FALCONS
MELBOURNE J.U.S.T.

To be played on SUNDAY OCTOBER 8th at VENUES to be announced

STATE LEAGUE CUP DRAW

SECOND v FOURTH
September 28 — ROSS RESERVE SPRINGVALE
K.O. 7.30 pm

FIRST v THIRD
October 5 ROSS RESERVE SPRINGVALE
K.O. 7.30 pm
SEMI-FINAL & FINAL (DOUBLE HEADER)
October 11th OLYMPIC PARK
K.O. 1 pm

OVERSEAS NEWS...

Everton top — now for real test

LONDON: Colin Harvey was subdued after Everton hit the top of English soccer's First Division on Saturday for the first time in his three-season reign as manager at Goodison Park.

"There's a long way to go," said Harvey after the 1-0 win at Charlton.

"It's as simple as that. But we're playing well enough to be up there and I don't agree with the idea that the league is all over."

Harvey praised Mike Newell, whose 71st-minute drive sank the London club, but Charlton boss Lennie Lawrence blamed his defence.

"I didn't think how it could have finished in the back of the net," he said. "Newell was surrounded by a forest of Charlton players."

Lawrence felt the turning point of the game was Andy Jones' 47th-minute miss.

"Never mind Neville Southall being one of the few keepers who could have saved it, Jones should have scored," he said.

Harvey's comments will be put to the test next weekend when Everton meets Merseyside neighbour Liverpool, which lost first place after being held to a scoreless home draw by Norwich.

Liverpool manager Kenny Dalglish said the FA Cup holder was suffering no hangover from its midweek 9-0 destruction of Crystal Palace.

"The players here have never been affected by success," he said. "They certainly showed no sign of that."

Norwich manager Dave Stringer agreed, saying: "Any side coming here after that midweek game was going to be up against it, but we came here to do a job and we did it, even if we rode our luck on certain occasions."

Coventry shares second place with Liverpool after its 1-0 win over Luton, which was beaten by Gary Bannister's 17th-minute effort.

Chelsea manager Bobby Campbell said he still backed Liverpool to win the league this season.

After his side had coasted to a 4-1 win at Tottenham to climb into fourth place, he said: "It's only a month into the season. All I know is Liverpool will win the league."

Campbell was delighted after two Kevin Wilson goals and one each from Kerry Dixon and Steve Clarke had routed its London rival.

But for Spurs boss Terry Venables, the problems continue to mount, with only Paul Gascoigne's 61st-minute goal relieving the one-way traffic.

The day's biggest win came at Manchester United, which paraded £1.2 million ($2.5m) forward Danny Wallace and then saw Mark Hughes notch his second league hat-trick in a 5-1 drubbing of Millwall.

"There's something special about scoring one goal at Old Trafford, but to get three is fantastic," said the Welsh international.

Lee Sharpe and England skipper Bryan Robson were also on target for United, with Millwall's solitary response coming from Teddy Sheringham.

Champion Arsenal registered its third victory in as many seasons at Nottingham Forest, triumphing 2-1 with goals from Paul Merson and Brian Marwood sandwiching a Garry Parker piledriver.

Match-winner Marwood said: "We deserved the win. We were positive at the start, but Forest played well after they had equalised and we got our game together in the second half."

It was also a good day for another London club, Wimbledon, which beat Manchester City 1-0 at home, with John Fashanu's first goal of the season.

Dons manager Bobby Gould apologised for the poor quality of football in his side's first triumph of the season, but said: "We were desperate for a win."

Bottom club Sheffield Wednesday and Derby also won 1-0. Wednesday beat Aston Villa with a Dalian Atkinson goal, and Derby triumphed over Queen's Park Rangers with a Dean Saunders goal.

● **THE** logjam at the top of the Scottish Premier Division has started to clear, with Hearts and Aberdeen breaking away.

Aberdeen maintained its 100 per cent home record with a 2-1 victory over Dunfermline, while the Edinburgh club won 3-1 at Motherwell.

Paul Mason put Aberdeen ahead with a fine solo effort in the 15th-minute and Craig Robertson added a second after 65 minutes. Dunfermline netted a consolation effort with a Ross Jack penalty with 10 minutes left.

Hearts' hero was two-goal midfielder Scott Crabbe. He fired them in front from a fourth-minute free kick and, though Motherwell drew level through Chris McCart after 55 minutes, notched his second two minutes later.

John Robertson wrapped up points for Tynecastle with a third goal in the 72nd minute, though the victory was tarnished by the sending-off of Walter Kidd. Motherwell's Nick Cusack was also dismissed.

Celtic defender Derek White and Rangers centre-back Scott Nisbett also received their marching orders.

Despite losing Nisbett, Rangers appeared to be coasting to victory over Dundee when two goals by Ally McCoist had given them a 2-1 lead at Ibrox.

But, with two minutes to go, Keith Wright snatched the equaliser.

Britain, England — Division One: Charlton 0 Everton 1, Coventry 1 Luton 0, Liverpool 0 Norwich 0, Manchester United 5 Millwall 1, Nottingham Forest 1 Arsenal 2, Queens Park Rangers 0 Derby 1, Sheffield Wednesday 1 Aston Villa 0, Southampton 1 Crystal Palace 1, Tottenham 1 Chelsea 4, Wimbledon 1 Manchester City 0.

STANDING

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Everton	6	4	1	1	10	6	13
Liverpool	6	3	3	0	16	2	12
Coventry	6	4	0	2	7	7	12
Chelsea	6	3	2	1	12	7	11
Millwall	6	3	2	1	12	11	11
Arsenal	5	3	1	1	10	5	10
Norwich	6	2	4	0	9	5	10
Luton	6	2	2	2	4	3	8
Derby	6	2	2	2	5	8	8
Southampton	6	2	2	2	10	12	8
Man United	6	2	1	3	12	10	7
Charlton	6	1	3	2	6	5	6
Aston Villa	6	1	3	2	6	6	6
QPR	6	1	3	2	3	3	6
Notts Forest	6	1	3	2	7	8	6
Wimbledon	6	1	3	2	4	6	6
Crystal Pal	6	1	3	2	4	11	5
Man City	6	1	1	4	5	9	4
Tottenham	5	1	1	3	5	10	4
Sheffield Wed	6	1	1	4	2	14	4

Division Two: Blackburn 1 Sunderland 1, Bradford 2 Leicester 0, Brighton 3 West Ham 0, Hull 0 Leeds 1, Ipswich 1 Wolverhampton 3, Middlesbrough 2 Bournemouth 1, Newcastle 1 Portsmouth 0, Plymouth 0 Sheffield United 0, Stoke 1 Oldham 2, Swindon 0 Barnsley 0, Watford 1 Port Vale 0, West Bromwich 3 Oxford 2.

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sheffield U	6	4	2	0	15	7	14
Brighton	6	4	0	2	15	9	12
Sunderland	6	3	2	1	12	7	11
Watford	6	3	2	1	7	7	11
Plymouth	6	3	1	2	11	7	10
Newcastle	6	3	1	2	12	9	10
Blackburn	6	2	4	0	6	4	10
West Ham	6	2	3	1	8	8	9
Leeds	6	2	3	1	8	8	9
Middlesbrough	6	2	2	2	12	11	8
Bournemouth	6	2	2	2	11	11	8
Ipswich	6	2	2	2	10	10	8
Oldham	6	2	2	2	9	9	8
Oxford	6	2	2	2	9	10	8
West Brom	6	2	2	2	9	10	8
Barnsley	6	2	2	2	7	8	8
Bradford	6	1	3	2	7	8	6
Swindon	6	1	2	3	6	8	6
Port Vale	6	1	3	2	5	7	6
Wolverhampton	6	1	2	3	9	13	5
Hull	6	0	4	2	9	11	4
Stoke	6	0	4	2	5	7	4
Portsmouth	6	0	3	3	3	8	3
Leicester	6	0	2	4	5	12	2

Division Three: Birmingham 2 Tranmere 1, Blackpool 1 Crewe 3, Bristol Rovers 3 Preston 0, Bury 3 Mansfield 0, Cardiff 0 Bristol City 3, Fulham 2 Swansea 0, Huddersfield 1 Brentford 0, Leyton Orient 1 Wigan 0, Northampton 2 Shrewsbury 1, Reading 0 Walsall 1, Rotherham 1 Bolton 0, Chester 3 Notts County 3.

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bristol R	5	4	0	1	8	3	12
Bury	5	3	2	0	10	5	11
Huddersfield	5	3	2	0	9	6	11
Rotherham	5	3	1	1	10	5	10
Shrewsbury	5	3	1	1	11	7	10
Bristol City	5	3	1	1	7	3	10
Fulham	5	3	1	1	7	4	10
Tranmere	5	3	0	2	8	5	9
Birmingham	5	3	0	2	7	4	9
Leyton Orient	5	3	0	2	9	7	9
Northampton	5	2	2	1	5	3	8
Bolton	5	2	2	1	4	2	8
Walsall	5	2	1	2	7	8	7
Reading	5	1	3	1	5	5	6
Mansfield	5	2	0	3	3	5	6
Notts County	5	1	2	2	6	7	5
Chester	5	1	2	2	7	9	5
Crewe	5	1	1	3	7	10	4
Swansea	5	1	1	3	3	7	4
Blackpool	5	1	1	3	2	6	4
Wigan	5	0	3	2	2	6	3
Brentford	5	0	2	3	3	6	2
Preston	5	0	1	4	7	15	1
Cardiff	5	0	1	4	2	11	1

Division Four: Halifax 1 Carlisle 1, Southend 1 Torquay 0, Stockport 6 Hartlepool 0, Chesterfield 2 Aldershot 0, Exeter 3 Cambridge 2, Gillingham 0 Burnley 0, Grimsby 2 Maidstone 3, Hereford 0 Wrexham 0, Lincoln 0 York 0, Peterborough 1 Scunthorpe 1, Rochdale 2 Colchester 2, Scarborough 1 Doncaster 2.

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Southend	5	4	1	0	14	3	13
Lincoln	5	4	1	0	9	1	13
Stockport	6	3	3	0	11	3	12
Exeter	5	3	1	1	7	3	10
Hereford	5	2	3	0	7	3	9
Halifax	5	2	2	1	11	6	8
Grimsby	5	2	2	1	10	5	8
Peterborough	5	2	2	1	6	3	8
Wrexham	6	2	2	2	9	7	8
Burnley	5	2	2	1	3	2	8
York	5	2	2	1	4	2	8
Carlisle	5	1	4	0	8	7	7
Chesterfield	5	2	1	2	7	8	7
Scarborough	5	2	1	2	6	8	7
Rochdale	5	2	1	2	5	7	7
Maidstone	5	2	0	3	7	8	6
Gillingham	5	1	3	1	2	4	6
Scunthorpe	5	1	1	3	4	6	4
Colchester	5	0	1	3	7	10	4
Doncaster	5	1	1	3	3	7	4
Cambridge	5	0	2	3	3	7	4
Aldershot	5	0	2	3	1	9	2
Torquay	5	0	1	4	2	11	1
Hartlepool	5	0	0	5	1	18	0

Scotland — Premier Division: Aberdeen 2 Dunfermline 1, Dundee United 2 Celtic 2, Hibernian 3 St Mirren 1, Motherwell 1 Hearts 3, Rangers 2 Dundee 2.

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hearts	5	3	1	1	9	7	7
Aberdeen	5	3	1	1	4	2	7
Hibernian	5	3	0	2	7	3	6
Celtic	5	2	2	1	7	5	6
Motherwell	5	1	3	1	6	6	5
Dundee	5	1	2	2	8	10	4
Dundee U	5	1	2	2	8	10	4
Rangers	5	1	2	2	4	6	4
St Mirren	5	2	0	3	5	8	4
Dunfermline	5	1	1	3	5	7	3

Division One: Airdrieonians 2 St Johnstone 2, Ayr 3 Clydebank 2, Clyde 0 Forfar 0, Falkirk 3 Hamilton 3 Meadowbank 1 Partick 1, Morton 3 Alloa 2, Raith 2 Albion 1.

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St Johnstone	7	6	1	0	15	5	13
Partick	7	5	2	0	19	6	12
Airdrieonians	7	4	2	1	10	4	10
Raith	7	4	0	3	9	11	8
Alloa	7	3	1	3	14	10	7
Clydebank	7	3	1	3	15	14	7
Clyde	7	2	3	2	9	10	7
Hamilton	7	3	1	3	8	11	7
Ayr	7	2	2	3	10	12	6
Falkirk	7	1	4	2	8	10	6
Meadowbank	7	1	3	3	7	10	5
Morton	7	2	1	4	7	11	5
Forfar	7	0	3	4	6	14	3
Albion	7	1	0	6	9	18	2

Division Two: Arbroath 2 Montrose 2, Brechin 3 Queen of South 1, Cowdenbeath 4 Stirling 0, East Fife 2 Dumbarton 2, Queens Park 3 Berwick 1, Stenhousemuir 0 Kilmarnock 3, Stranraer 1 East Stirling 1.

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brechin	6	4	1	1	12	5	9
Queens Park	6	4	1	1	12	9	9
Arbroath	6	2	4	0	12	10	8
Stirling	6	3	1	2	12	8	7
East Fife	6	2	3	1	9	7	7
Dumbarton	6	3	1	2	12	15	7
Berwick	6	2	1	3	12	10	6
Montrose	6	2	2	2	9	7	6
Kilmarnock	6	2	2	2	5	4	6
Stenhousemuir	6	3	0	3	9	10	6
Stranraer	6	1	3	2	10	13	5
Queen of South	6	1	2	3	10	16	4
Cowdenbeath	6	1	1	4	5	7	3
East Stirling	6	0	1	5	4	13	1

Northern Ireland Gold Cup — First round: Ballymena 1 Linfield 2, Carrick 0 Glentoran 0, Cliftonville 0 Bangor 0, Coleraine 0 Portadown 1, Crusaders 0 Larne 1, Glenavon 3 Distillery 0, Newry 0 Ards 2.

Vauxhall Conference League: Runcorn 1 Merthyr 0, Telford 1 Kettering 3, Welling 1 Altrincham 1, Yeovil 0 Darlington 2.

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Constantinou.N(North)	Hennessey (Thom)	Nicoski (Alt)
Cumming (Ring)	Innes (Mar)	O'Dell (Fawk)
Curulli (Bull)	Kubakovski (Alt)	O'Keefe (Bull)
Czapnik (Mar)	Kennedy (Ring)	Radecki (FP)
Davis (Alt)	Kontouris (Caul)	Ragusa (Thom)
Della Rocca (Juve)	Lipiarski (Mar)	Ristovski (Alt)
De Ridder (Ring)	McDonagh (FP)	Ruccia (Bull)
Dimovski (Caul)	McLeod (BH)	Shannon (Ring)
Dragovic (St.A)	McPhee (BH)	Smart (66)
Elsey (66)	Maratic (St.A)	Sweeney (FP)
Fourna (B'vale)	May (Ring)	Thodis (North)
Greenwood (Caul)	Micevski (Alt)	Verachia (Spr)
Grisaud (FP)	Miller (FP)	Walker (Ring)
Han (BH)	Minichiello (Juve)	Wilson (66)
Hanley (BH)		

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stubborn defensive play by Floridia and some inept finishing by the Baysiders kept the match scoreless until the 44th minute, when the Floridians' Eddy Fato converted from the spot.

Immediately from the re-start Bayside stormed forward and Metin Ismailoglu swooped on a loose ball to hammer home the equaliser. After the break, the first twenty minutes produced a pattern of frantic end-to-end play. Floridia had the better of this period.

At the 51st minute, bodies were flying in all directions in the Bayside goal area, with defenders desperate to scramble the ball clear and attackers equally desperate to push it home. In the end, Bayside's Sadik misjudged a nodded clearance and Floridia was 2-1 up.

Five minutes later, exactly the same happened at the other end, this time Floridia's Ray Pizzo having themisfortune to concede an own goal. From the re-start, Bayside went back into attack, but was quickly dispossessed. Floridia swept the ball downfield, where Joe Pizzo hammered in a 20-metre drive which gave the Bayside goalkeeper no chance. From then on, there were long periods of scrappy and rather negative play, but it was obvious that the Baysiders were tiring, and the Floridians gaining in confidence minute by minute. At the 77th minute, lastrina made it 4-1. At the 81st, Joe Pizzo got his second, and at the 86th Strano netted the Floridians' sixth.

As a result of this defeat, Bayside was dumped to third place and must now beat Berwick United in the replay of their postponed encounter, and depend on Berwick United in turn defeating North Dandenong Sparrows when that postponed game is played.

It is perhaps ironic that Berwick United itself will be hoping to win both its game in hand in order to move into the top four at the expense of Keysborough Blue Danube.

While in 2 Afternoon we might mention the Reserves top of the table clash between Elwood United of the Championship, so that the only interest in the return clash at Chapel Road will be whether Riverbank sausages are better than Seaside ones, and whether the tokay is properly chilled.

Keysborough Blue Danube is assured of the Runners-up berth, being at least 300 kilometres ahead of its nearest rival. Well, approximately, anyway!

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In Division One Morning, the question of who would be Runner-up was finally settled when Footscray United was held to a scoreless draw by ANZ Bank, but Altona Ilinden swept to a 5-1 win over Montrose.

Actually, one wonders why ANZ Bank and Footscray United even bothered to play, because their Reserves match also finished 0-0.

The point gained by Footscray, however, was enough to guarantee it the Reserves Championship, but the point lost by ANZ Bank was enough to consign it irretrievably to third place behind Highpoint's Reserves.

We were also looking to settle the question of who would be Runner-up in Division 1 Afternoon. Windsor was hanging on by a solitary point, and counting on Flamingo to beat Thomastown United, and thus keep Windsor's position safe. In the event, it was all a fiasco. The appointed referee failed to turn up. After twelve minutes under a club appointed referee, with Flamingo already a goal up and about to take a penalty, the Thommos apparently picked up their ball and went home. Ah wall, more midnight oil while the Tribunal sorts that one out.

The position is also still unresolved in Division One Afternoon Reserves. Windsor is the Champion, with Melbourne Rumania hanging on to second place a bare point ahead of Glenroy Doxa, but the Rumanians have finished their programme, while Doxa still has two games in band. There is no doubt in this scribe's mind that Doxa will get the point it needs to go ahead of the Rumanians on goal difference.

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In Division Two Mixed, Tottenham has climbed to within two points of Cretan Athletic after a fighting 2-1 win away to Harambee.

The Totters still have two games in hand, and will almost certainly finish Champion, with the Cretans in the Runners-up berth. The same two teams will share the same two positions in Division 2M Reserves.

All interest now turns to next week's Cup Semi-finals. In the Manfield Bunney League Cup double-header at ANZ Bank's HQ, Altona Ilinden takes on Ardeer at 12.30.

Although Altona Ilinden may be the Runner-up in Division One, and sorry though I may be to say it, (because I rather like the Illies), Ardeer will slaughter them. The other game, kicking off at 2.30 pm will be a much sterner affair, and being scoreless after extra time, will go down to what the Yanks call a "penalty shoot-out". Provided the Dynamo's Franjo Ivkovic spends the next week in meditation, avoiding all carnal desires, he will make that vital save to tip Glenroy Doxa out of the Cup. In other words, we fancy Ardeer vs St Albans Dynamo for an all 3 West Cup Final.

The Invitation Cup matches will be played at the Coomoora Reserve in Keysborough. In the 12.30 pm match North Dandenong Sparrows will be plucked, marinaded and served in aspic by Elwood United. In the 2.30 pm match Middle Park will absolutely destroy Windsor, or vice versa!

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Mansfield Bunney League Cup Semi-Final: Double-header at ANZ Bank Soccer Club ground, Aughtie Drive, Middle Park.
At 12.30 pm Altona Ilinden vs Ardeer; At 2.30 pm Glenroy Doxa United vs St Albans Dynamo.

Mansfield Bunney Invitation Cup Semi-Final: Double-header at Coomoora Reserve, Coomoora Road, Keysborough.
At 12.30 pm North Dandenong Sparrows vs Elwood United; At 2.30 pm Middle Park vs Windsor.

Catch-up Matches:
At 10 am Apollo Utd Firsts vs Montrose Firsts; At 12 noon Apollo Utd Reserves vs Montrose Reserves; At 2.45 pm Middle East Firsts vs Swinburne Firsts; At 2.45 pm Melbourne Pumas Firsts vs Leros United Firsts; At 12.45 pm Melbourne Pumas Reserves vs Leros United Reserves; At 10 am Tottenham Firsts v Harambee Firsts; At 12 noon Tottenham Reserves vs Harambee Reserves; At 10 am Sunbury vs St Albans Wanderers at SAW; At 10 am Westall PIPA vs Essendon Tramways; At 10 am Embassy Taxis vs Sunshine Macedonia.

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Saturday

BULLEEN v NORTHCOTE CITY.....
MORWELL FALCONS V RINGW. CITY.....

Sunday

THOMASTOWN V SPRINGVALE CITY.....
CROYDON CITY V FRANKSTON PINES....
JUVENTUS V CAULFIELD CITY.....
BOX HILL V ST ALBANS.....
GREEN GULLY V FAWKNER.....
MARIBYRNONG V ALTONA CITY.....

VIC LEAGUE

Division 1 — Saturday

NUNAWADING CITY V OAKLEIGH.....
KNOX CITY V ESSENDON CITY.....
DANDENONG V WESTGATE.....

Sunday

WERRIBEE V DOVETON.....
BROADMEADOWS CITY V MOOROOLBARK.....
MORDIALLOC V WESTERN SUBURBS....
ALBION V SANDRINGHAM CITY.....

Div. 2 — Saturday

SUNBURY UN V NORTH GEELONG.....
COBURG V RICHMOND.....
DONCASTER ROVERS V HEIDELBERG C....
PORT MELB V YARRAVILLE.....
CLIFTON HILL V RINGWOOD UN.....
BRIGHTON V KEILOR.....
GEELONG V WAVERLEY CITY.....

Div. 3 — Saturday

LALOR UNITED V SEAFORD UN.....
HAWTHORN V CORIO/GEELONG.....
MOORABBIN CITY V MORNINGTON.....
YALLOUR V ELTHAM/DIA. VALL.....
BELL PARK V HOLLAND PARK.....
CHELSEA V SPRINGVALE UN.....
ALTONA CITY V CLARINDA.....

Div 4 — Saturday

HAMLYN RANGERS V FERNTREE G.....
ROSANNA V CLAYTON.....
PASCOE VALE V MORELAND PARK RANGERS.....
LANGWARRIN V KARINGAL UN.....
E. BRUNSW. V WILLIAMSTOWN.....
BENTLEIGH GREENS V KEYSBOROUGH...
BORONIA V REGENT.....

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE — RD 26

Div. 1 — Saturday

MOSSFIELD RANGERS V PRAHRAN.....
MELTON V BERWICK CITY (HOME).....
SOUTH YARRA V WAVERLEY UN.....
OAKLEIGH SUB V BRUNSWICK CITY.....
SPRINGVALE CONDORS V NTH SUNSH...
MALVERN CITY V EAST GEELONG.....
WEST MEADOWS V WEST VALE.....

Div 2 — Saturday

LALOR V FRANKSTON UN.....
ASCOT ST MARKS V UNI OF MELB.....
BALLARAT V SOUTH SPRINGVALE.....
ALTONA EAST V PORT UNITED.....
SOUTH DANDENONG V BRINTONS.....
MONASH UNIV. V GLENROY.....
CRANBOURNE V FOREST HILL.....

Div 3 — Saturday

NORTH CLAYTON V MITCHAM UN.....
BRANDON PARK V WANTIRNA.....
BATMAN UNITED V FITZROY CITY.....
MEADOW PARK V ALTONA UNITED.....
KEW EAGLES V LYNDALE UNITED.....
MONBULK V CARRUM UNITED.....
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